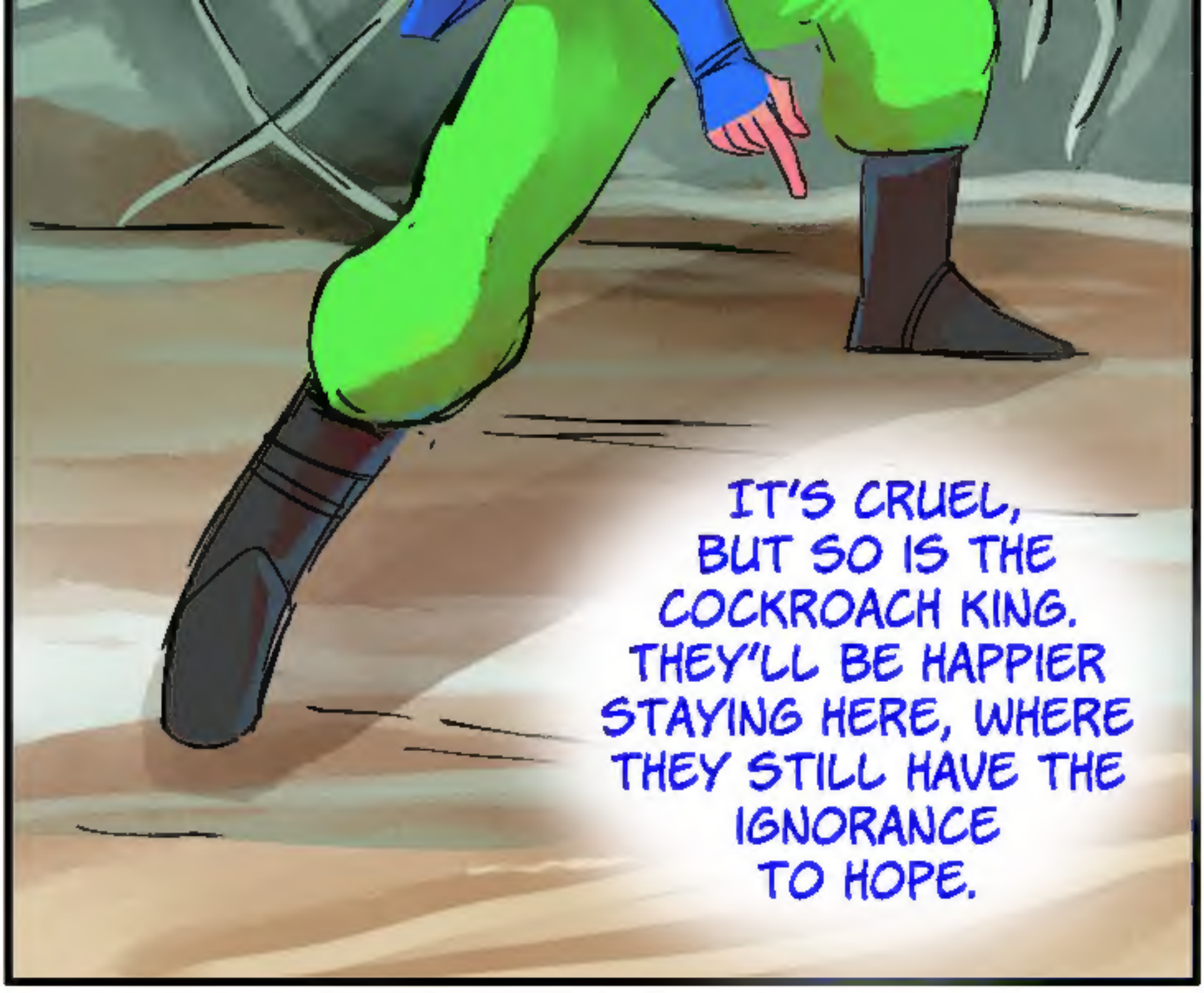
I DON'T KNOW WHAT GAVE ME AWAY TO GYRUS, BUT IT I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER. I JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY

DIE WITHOUT THE SWORDS AND EVERYTHING GOES BACK TO HOW IT WAS.


IT'S CRUEL,
BUT SO IS THE
COCKROACH KING.
THEY'LL BE HAPPIER
STAYING HERE, WHERE
THEY STILL HAVE THE
IGNORANCE
TO HOPE.

GYRUS... HOW EXACTLY DID YOU KNOW TO PUNCH YUMEJI? WHAT AREN'T YOU TELLING US?

I KNEW, BECAUSE I REMEMBER.

Woosh

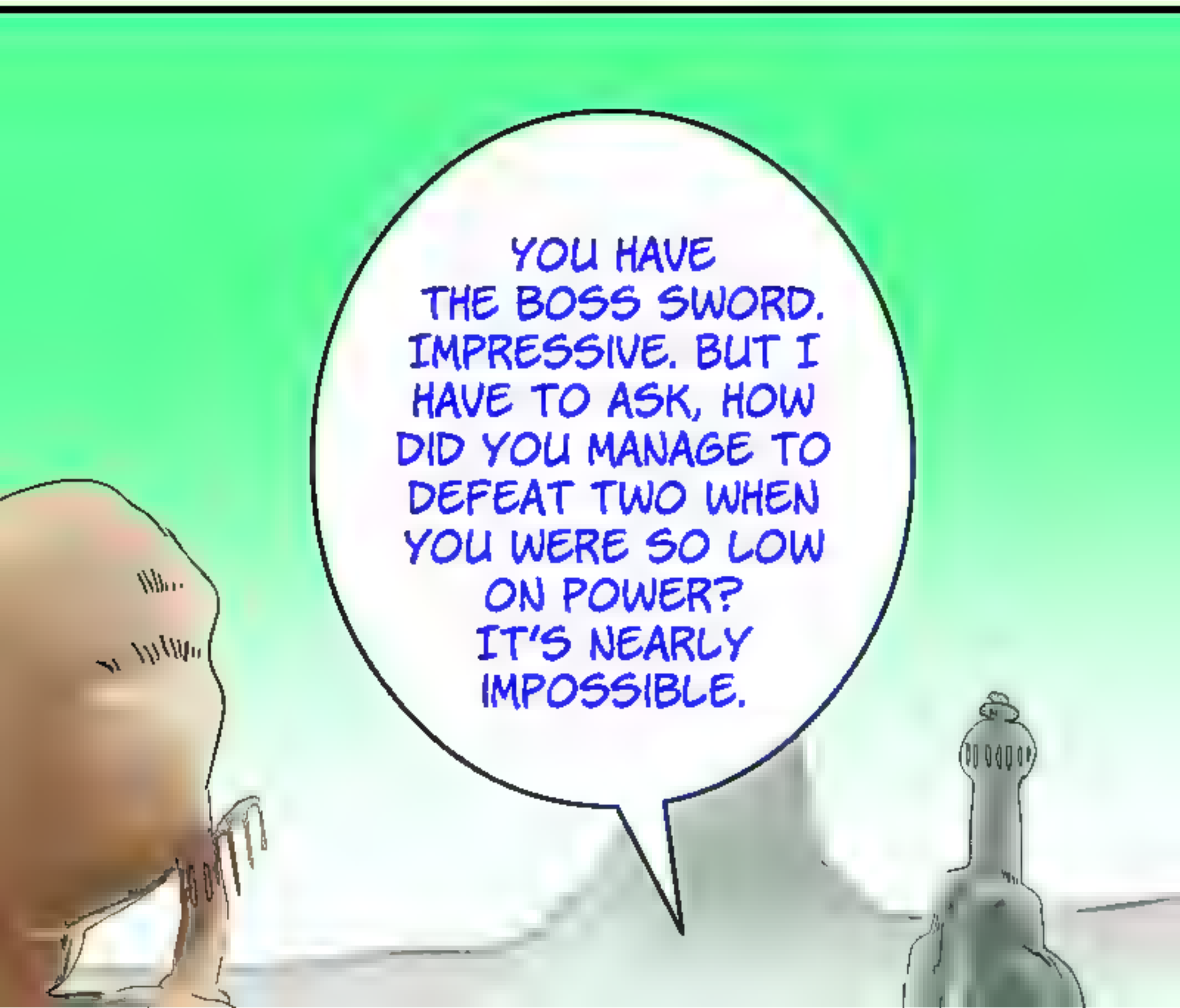
ROOM of
SWORDS

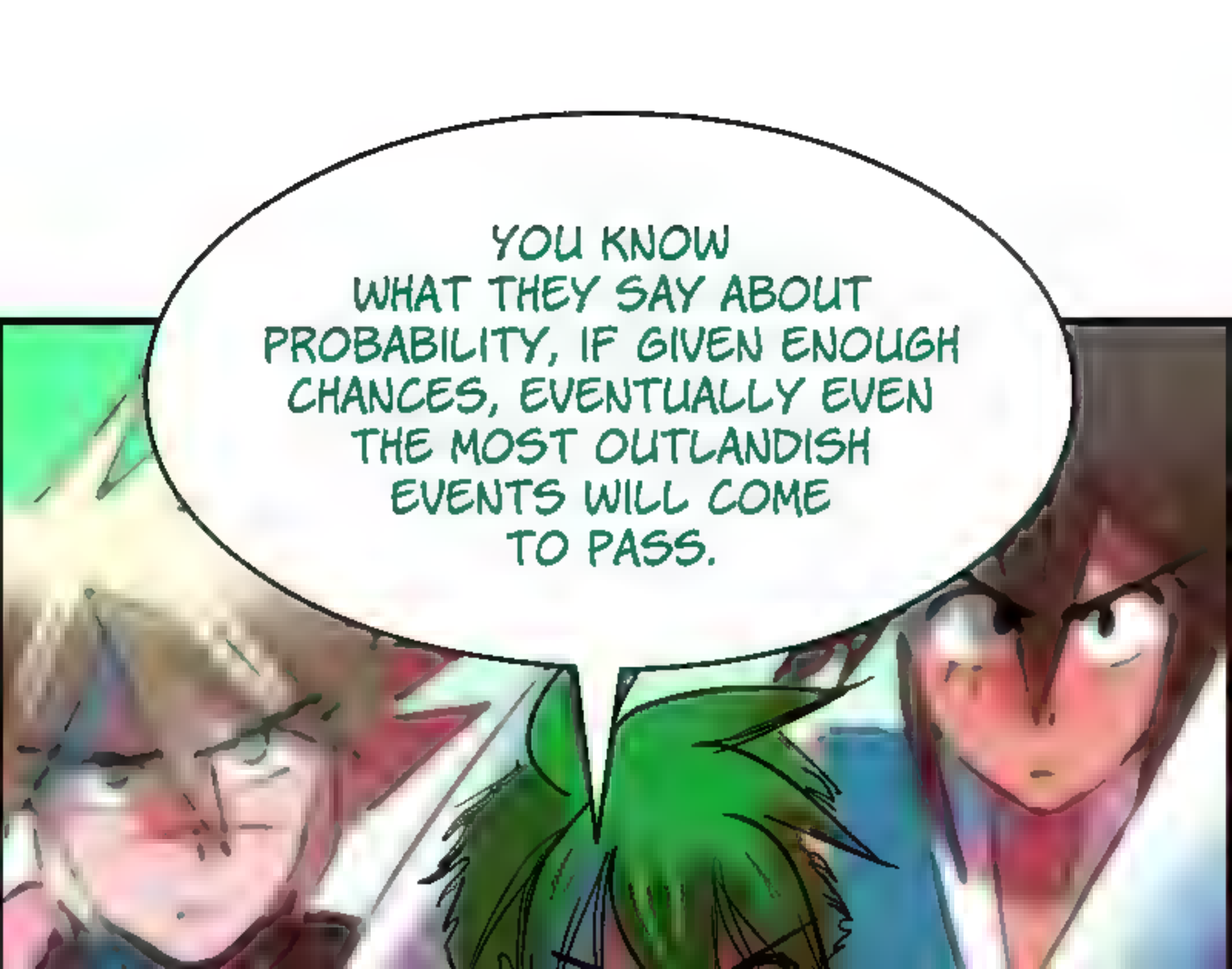
CHAPTER 209

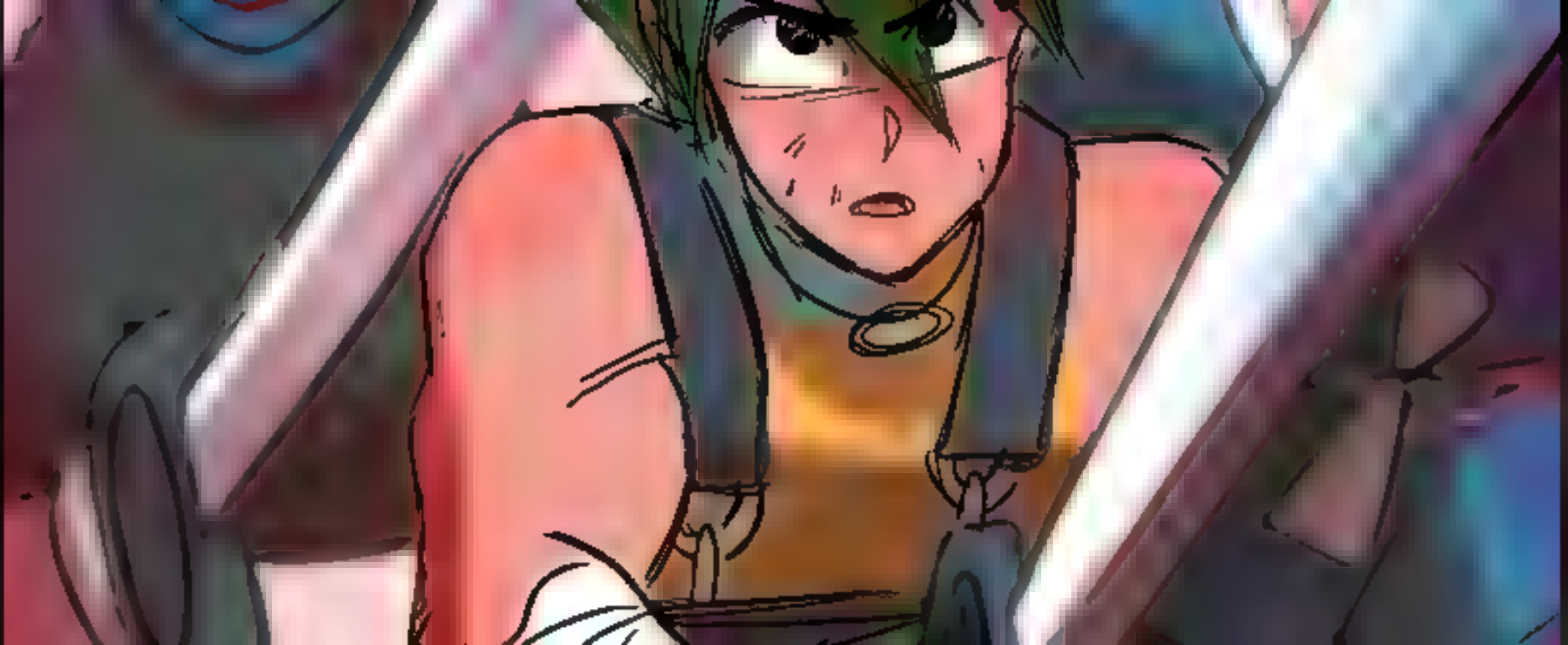
"PAID IN FULL"

STORY/ART: TOONIMATED

HE REMEMBERS?!!
SHIT! I NEED TO THINK OF A PLAN. BETTER START STALLING.

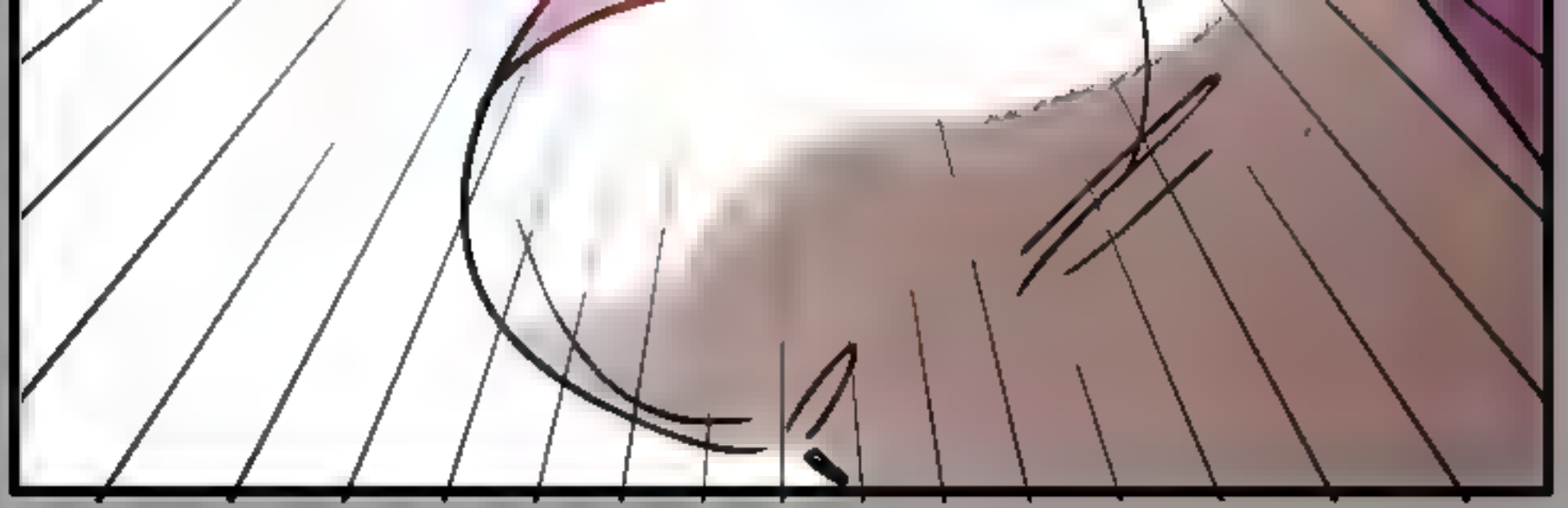

YOU HAVE THE BOSS SWORD. IMPRESSIVE. BUT I HAVE TO ASK, HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO DEFEAT TWO WHEN YOU WERE SO LOW ON POWER? IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

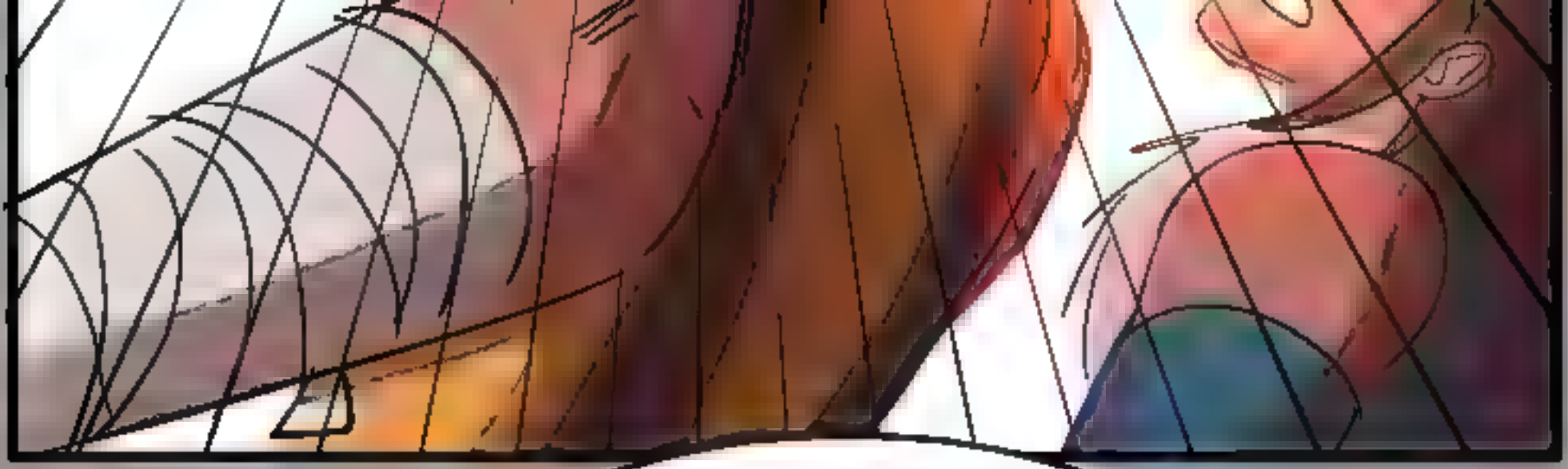

YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT
PROBABILITY, IF GIVEN ENOUGH
CHANCES, EVENTUALLY EVEN
THE MOST OUTLANDISH
EVENTS WILL COME
TO PASS.



SIGH...ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

THERE YOU ARE!

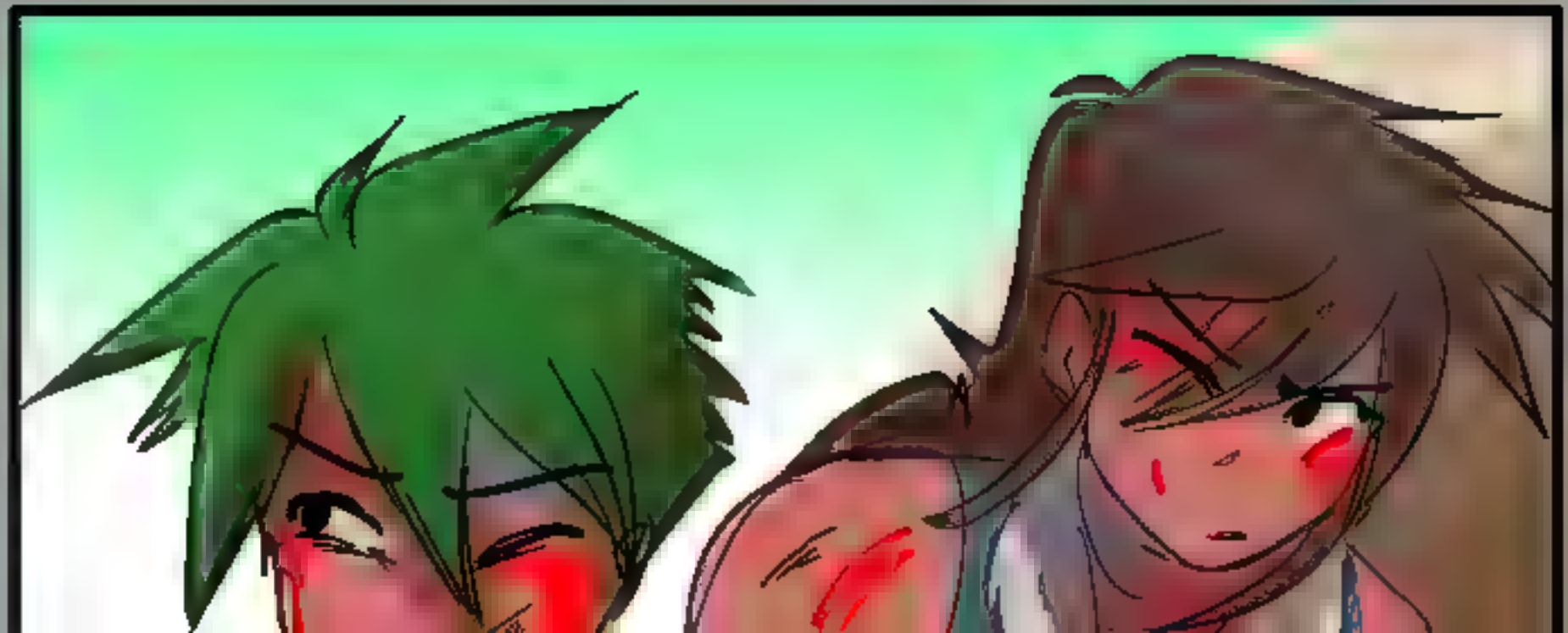


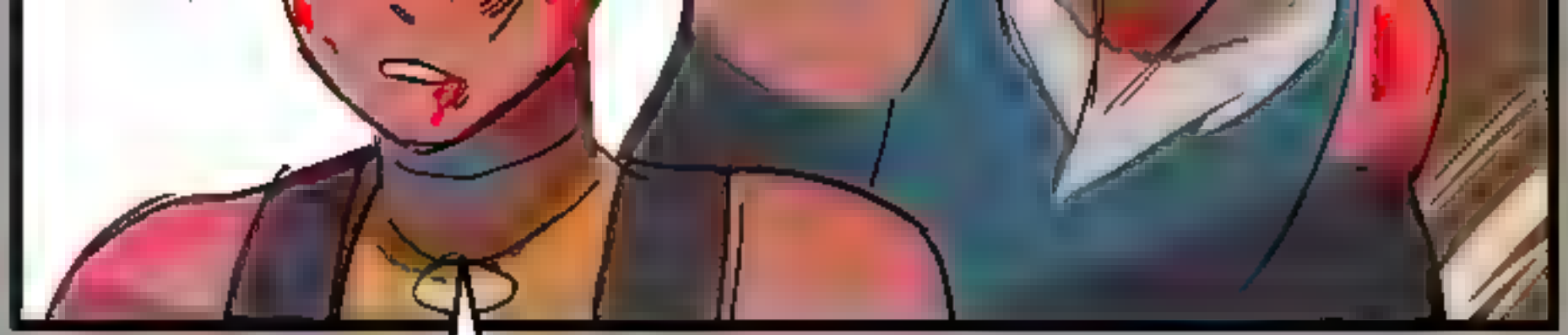


GOODBYE PIPSQUEAKS!

CRASH!!

CRP





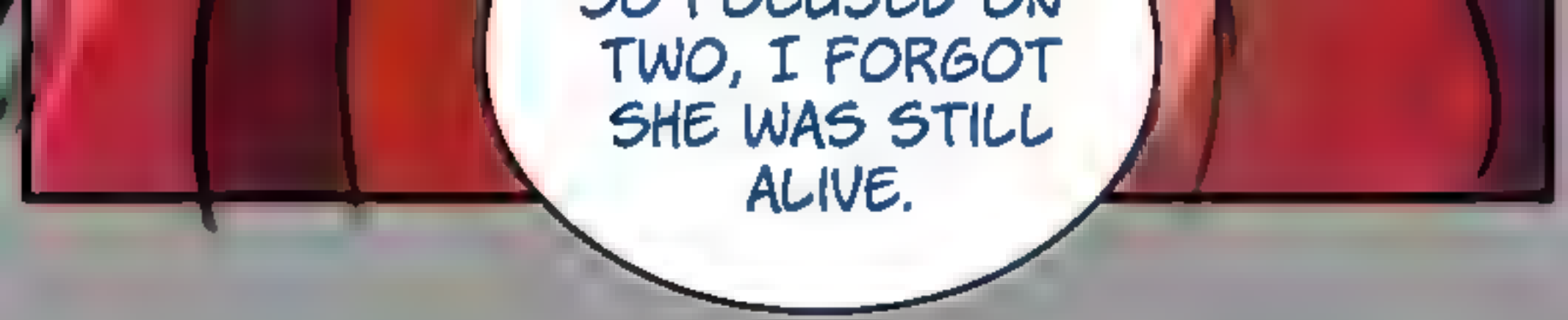
HUH?

WHAT THE...

LOOKS
LIKE I FOUND

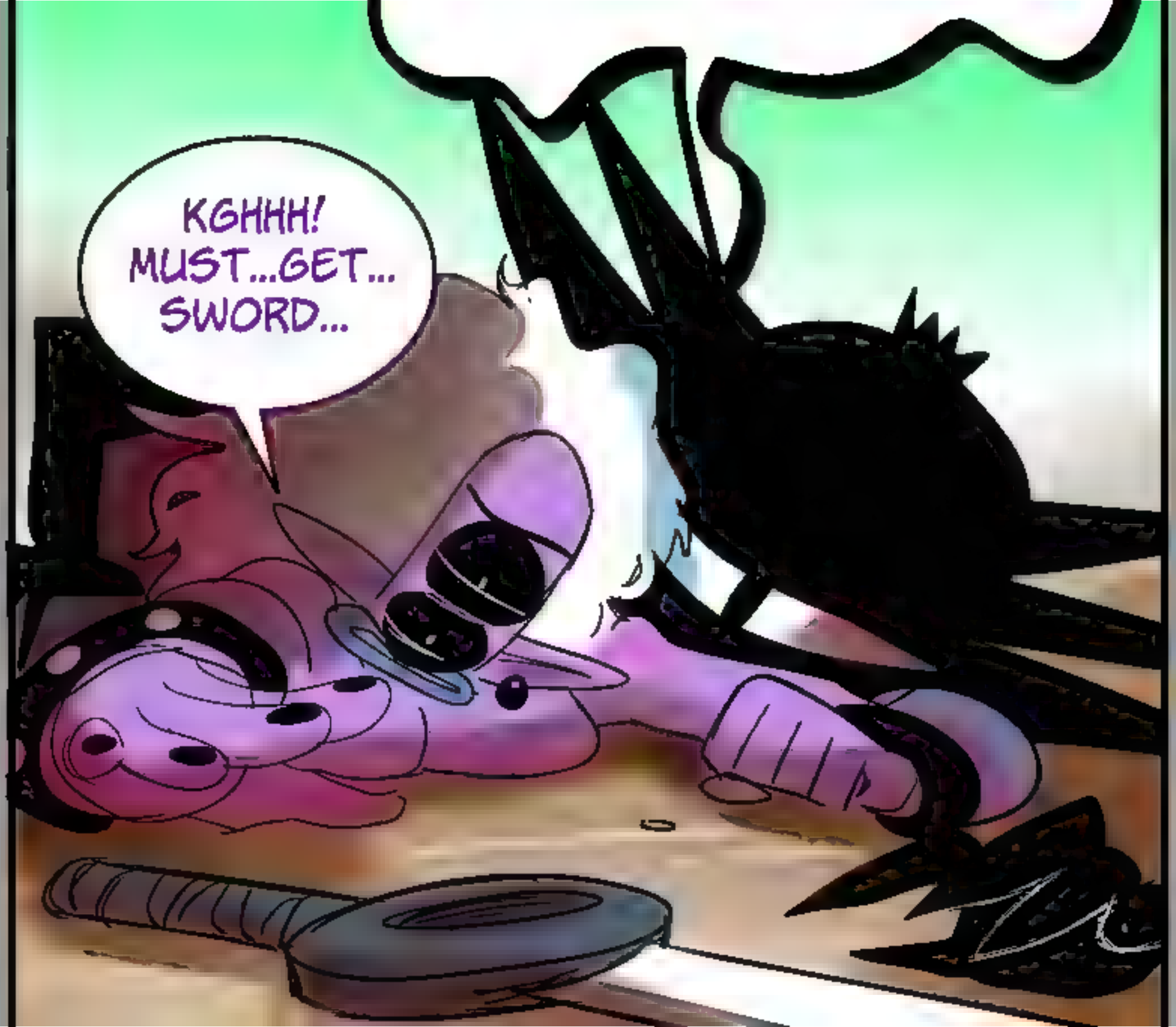
MY SWORD!
GAH!!!

IT'S ONE!?
WE'VE BEEN


SO FOCUSED ON
TWO, I FORGOT
SHE WAS STILL
ALIVE.

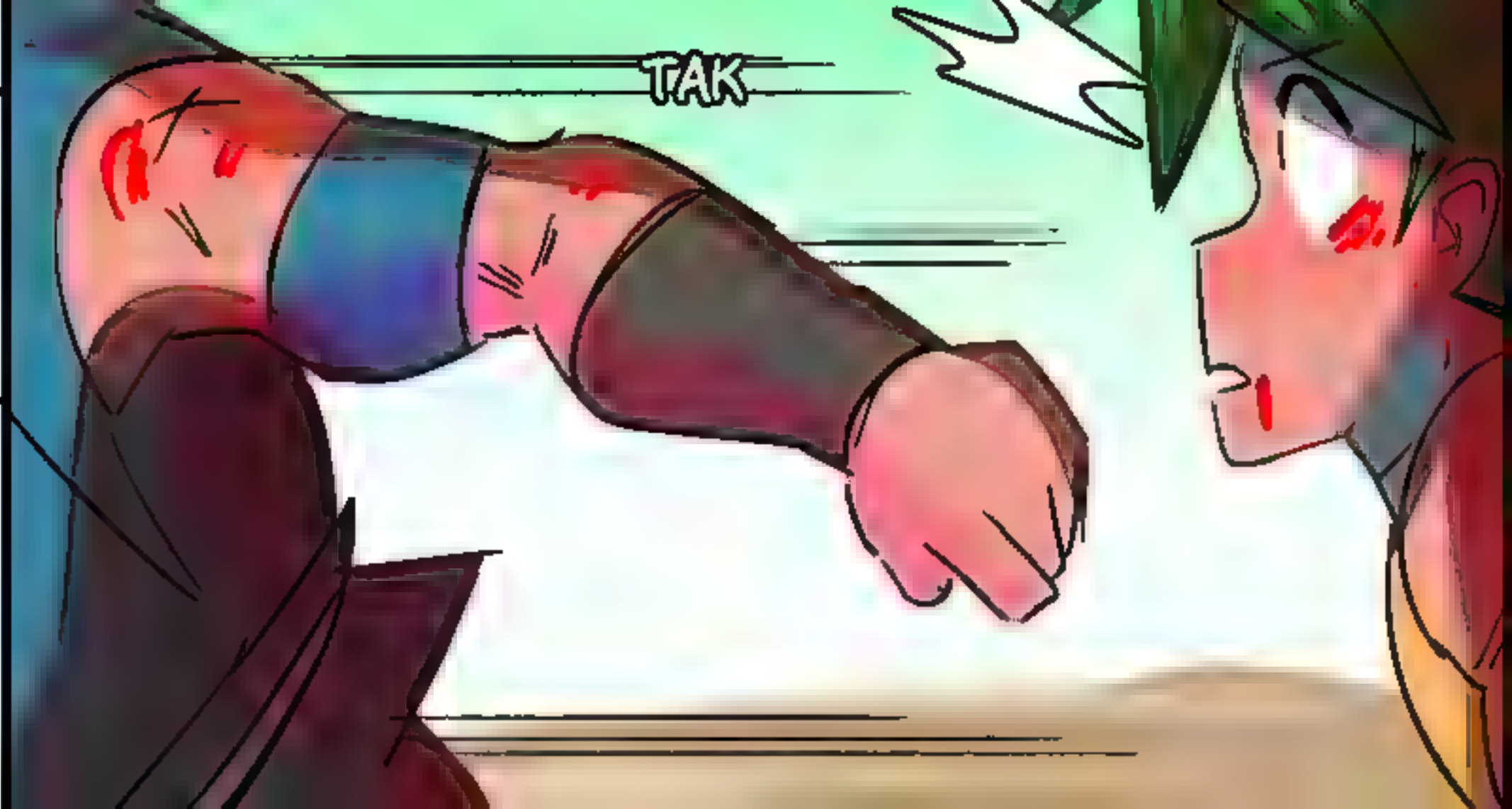
I KNEW YOU

I KNEW
WERE A THIEF
JUST LIKE YOUR
BROTHER!


KGHHH!
MUST...GET...
SWORD...

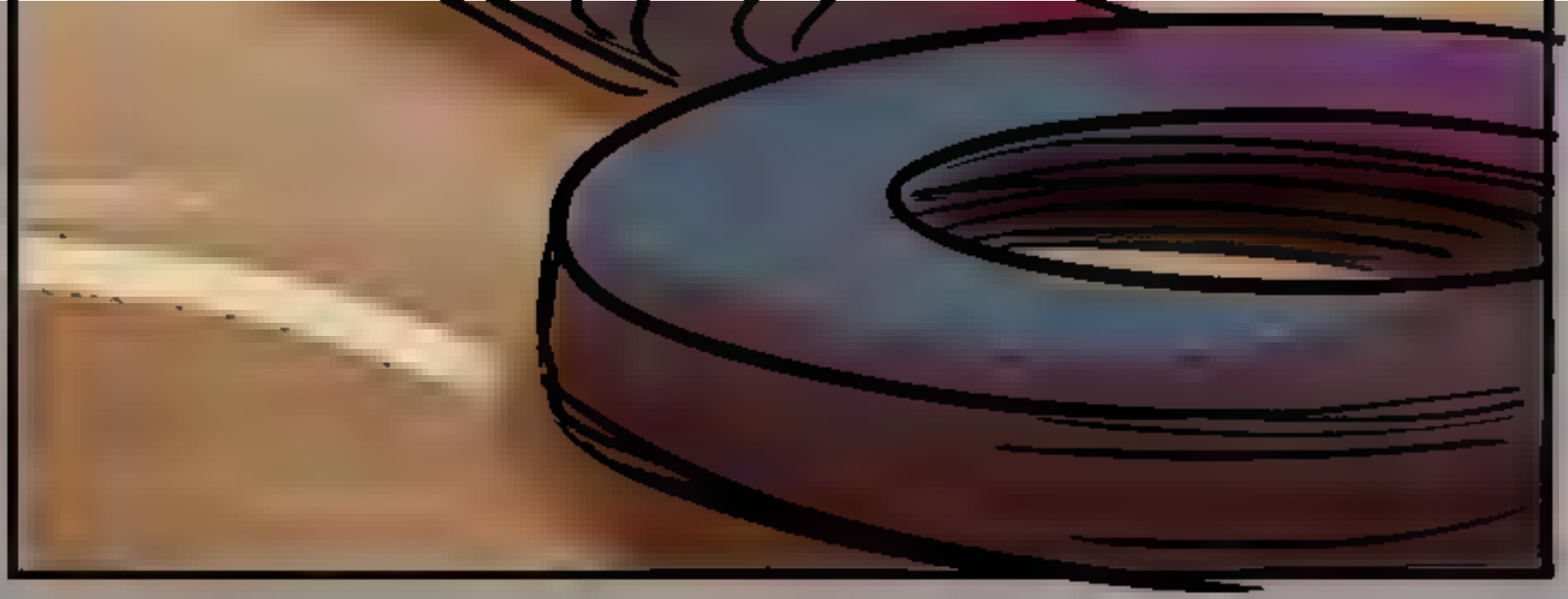
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN ONE SAVED OUR LIVES.

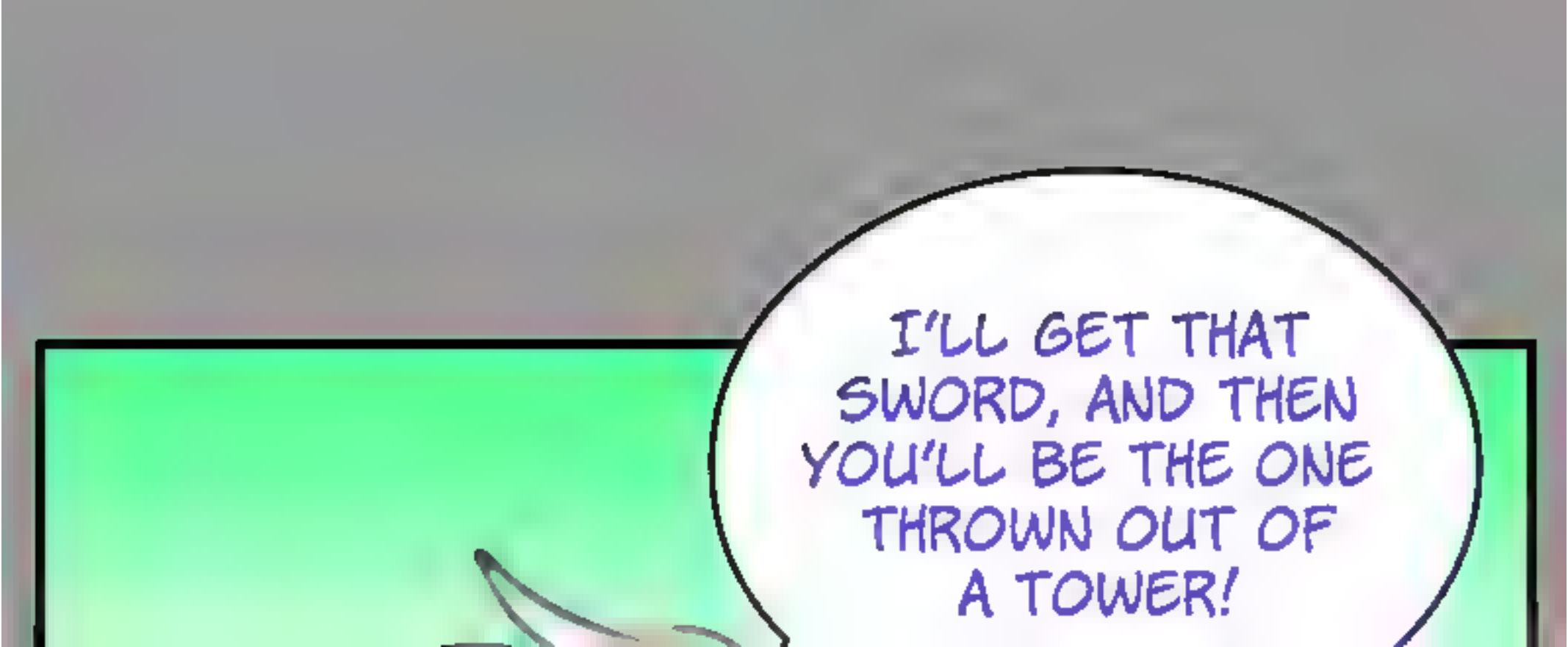
NOT QUITE.
STAY HERE!
TAK


TAK

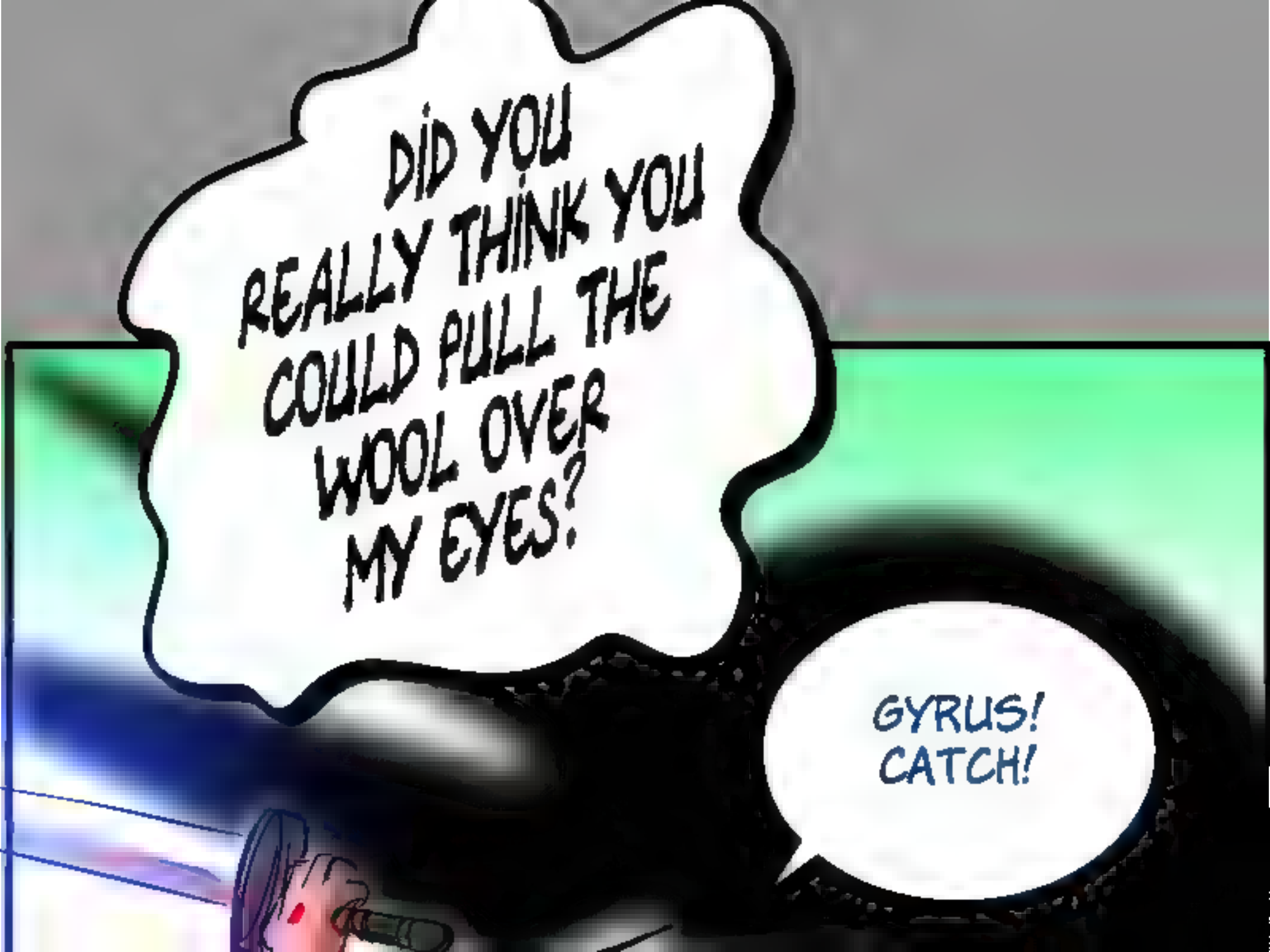
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD PULL THE WOOL OVER MY EYES?
I DIDN'T NEED TO!

YOU'RE STUPID ENOUGH AS YOU ARE!
TOUCH

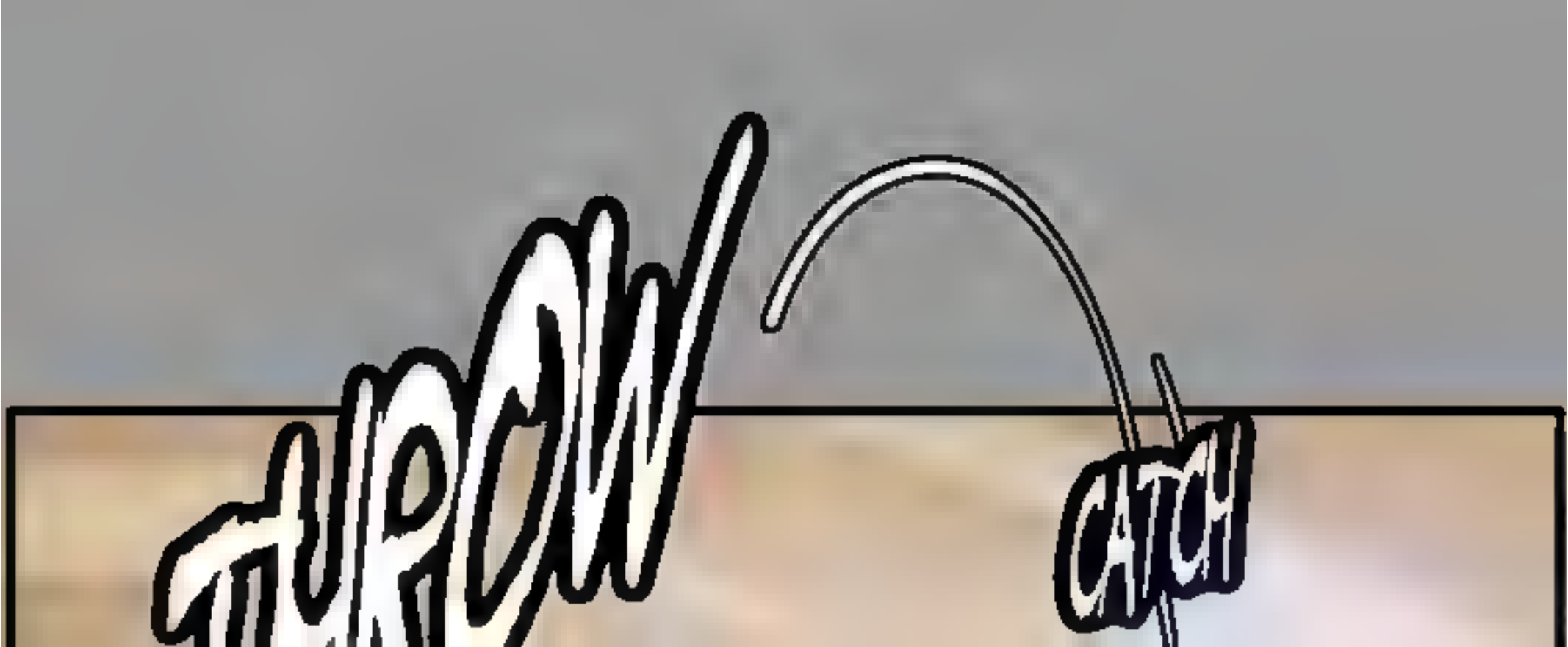


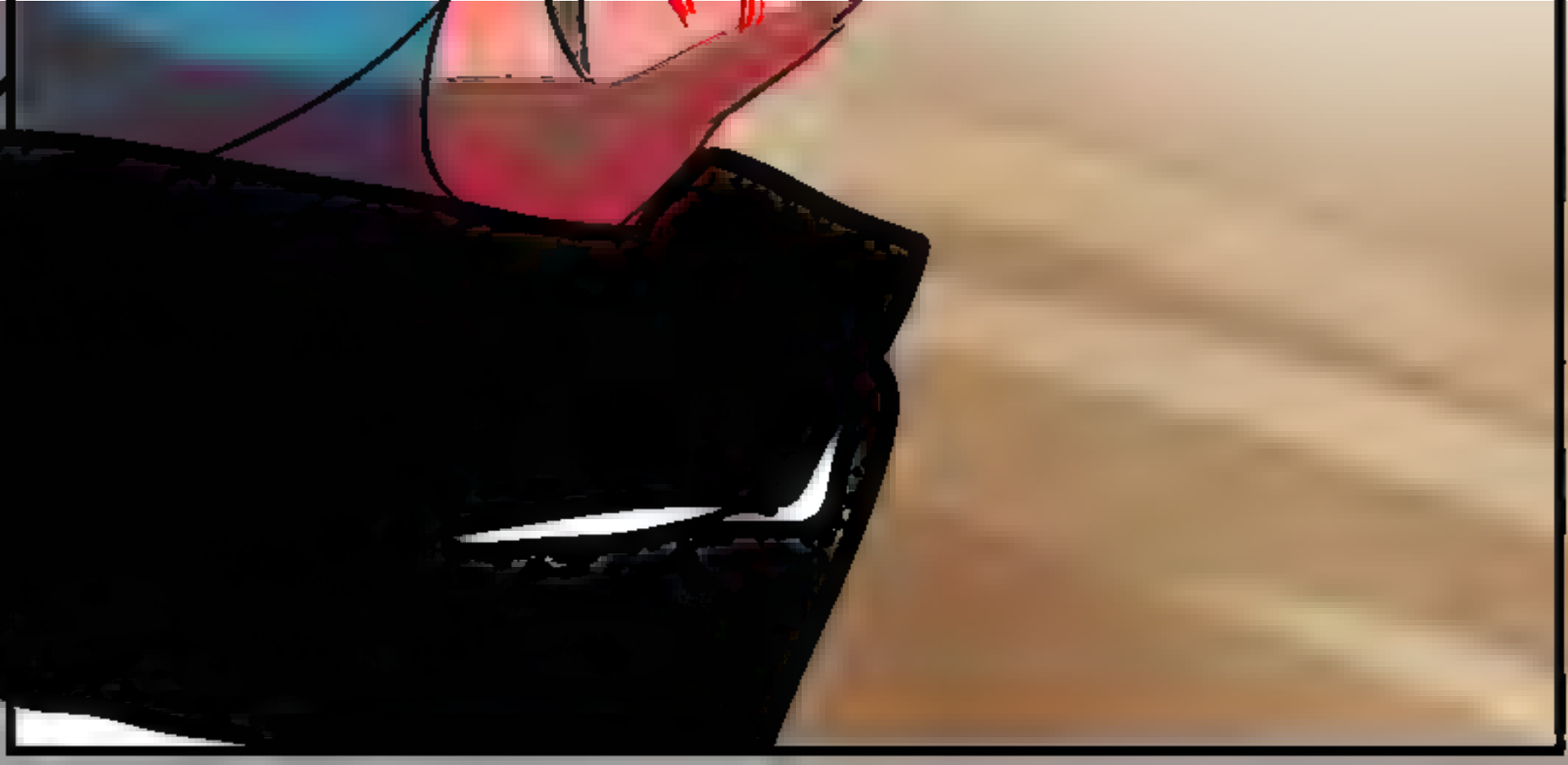

I'LL GET THAT SWORD, AND THEN YOU'LL BE THE ONE THROWN OUT OF A TOWER!

GOT IT!

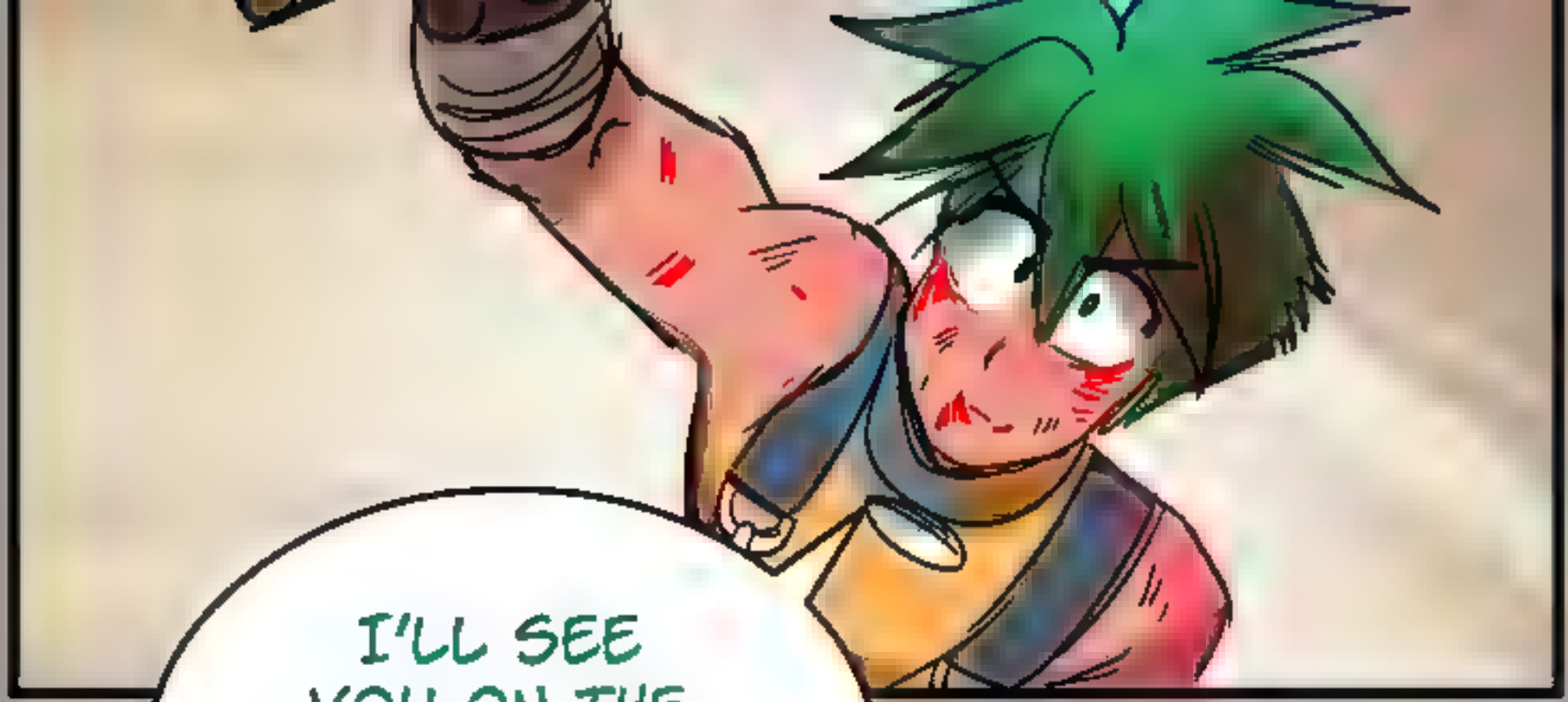

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD PULL THE WOOL OVER MY EYES?
GYRUS! CATCH!

Grab


THROW
CATCH



ITS TOO LATE FOR ME. RESET!


I'LL SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE KODYA. THANK

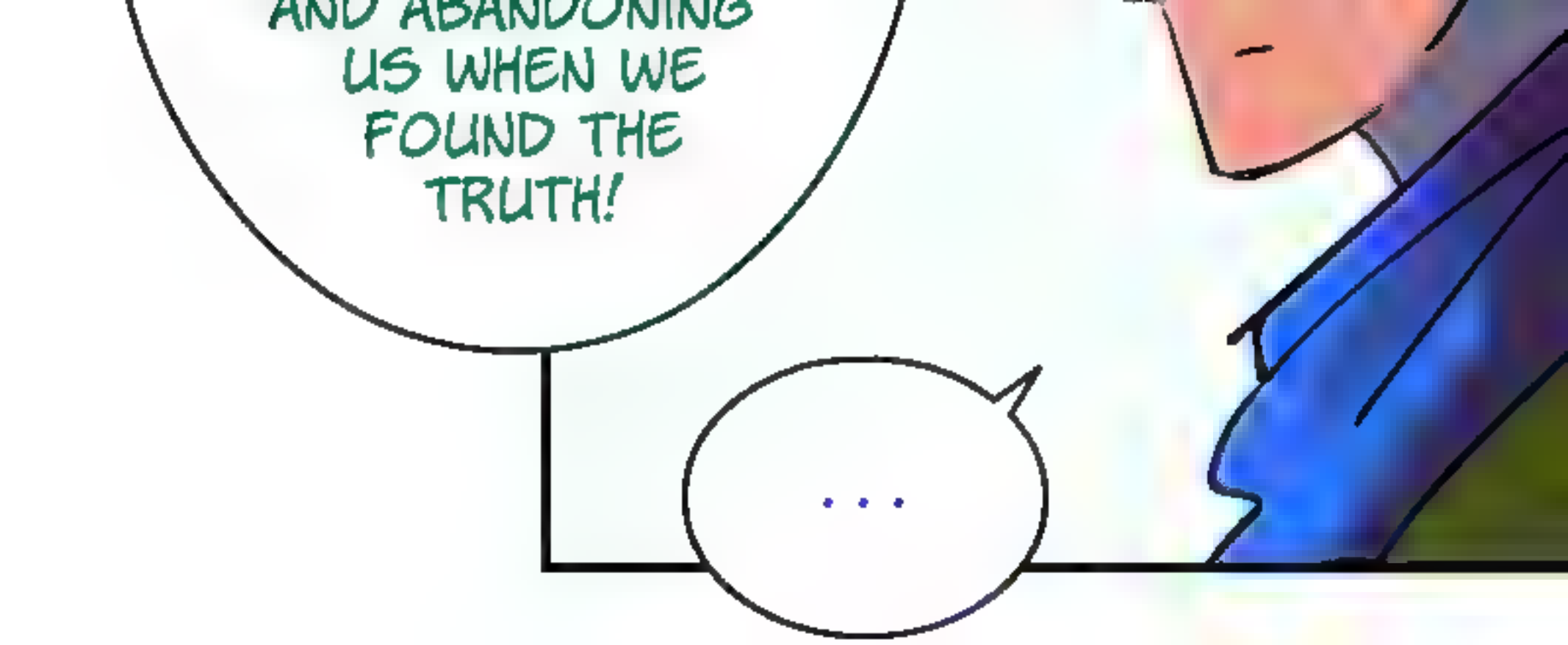
you.

I GOT SQUASHED

BY ONE?
YES. AFTER YUMEJI LEFT US ALL FOR DEAD BY TAKING OUR

ONLY ESCAPE ROUTE!

HE HAD THE POWER TO SAVE US ALL ALONG, AND HE'S HIDDEN IT FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY VOYAGES... HURTING CIB TO KEEP HIS SECRET, AND ABANDONING


AND ABANDONING US WHEN WE FOUND THE TRUTH!
. . .

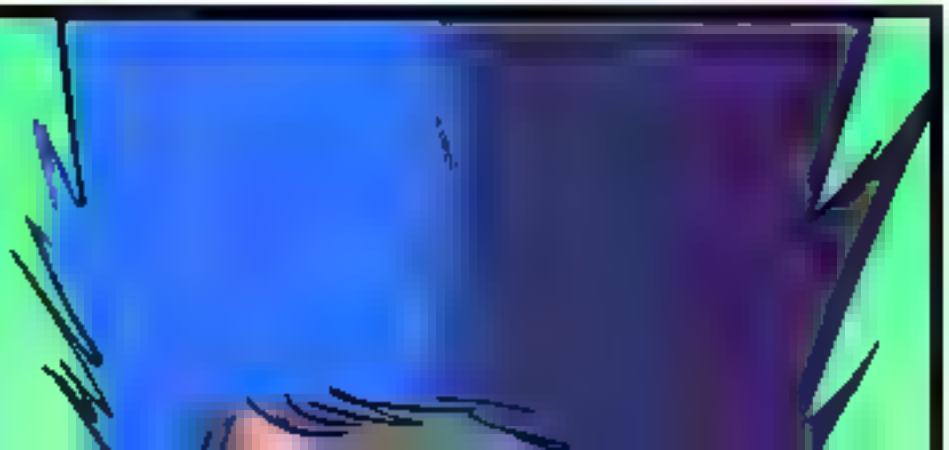
HE...HURT ME?

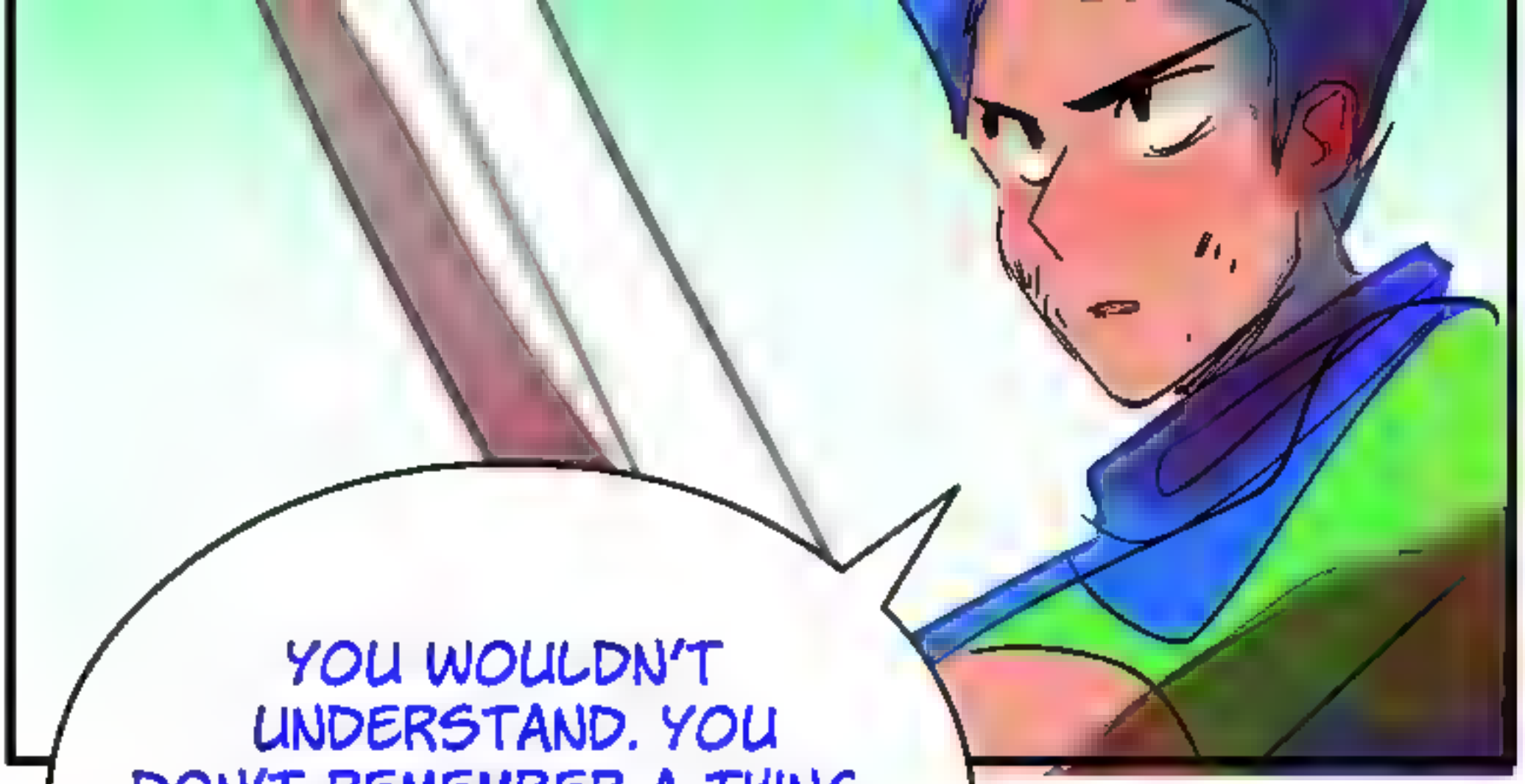
I'M AFRAID SO.

HOW COULD YOU YUMEJI? AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH!

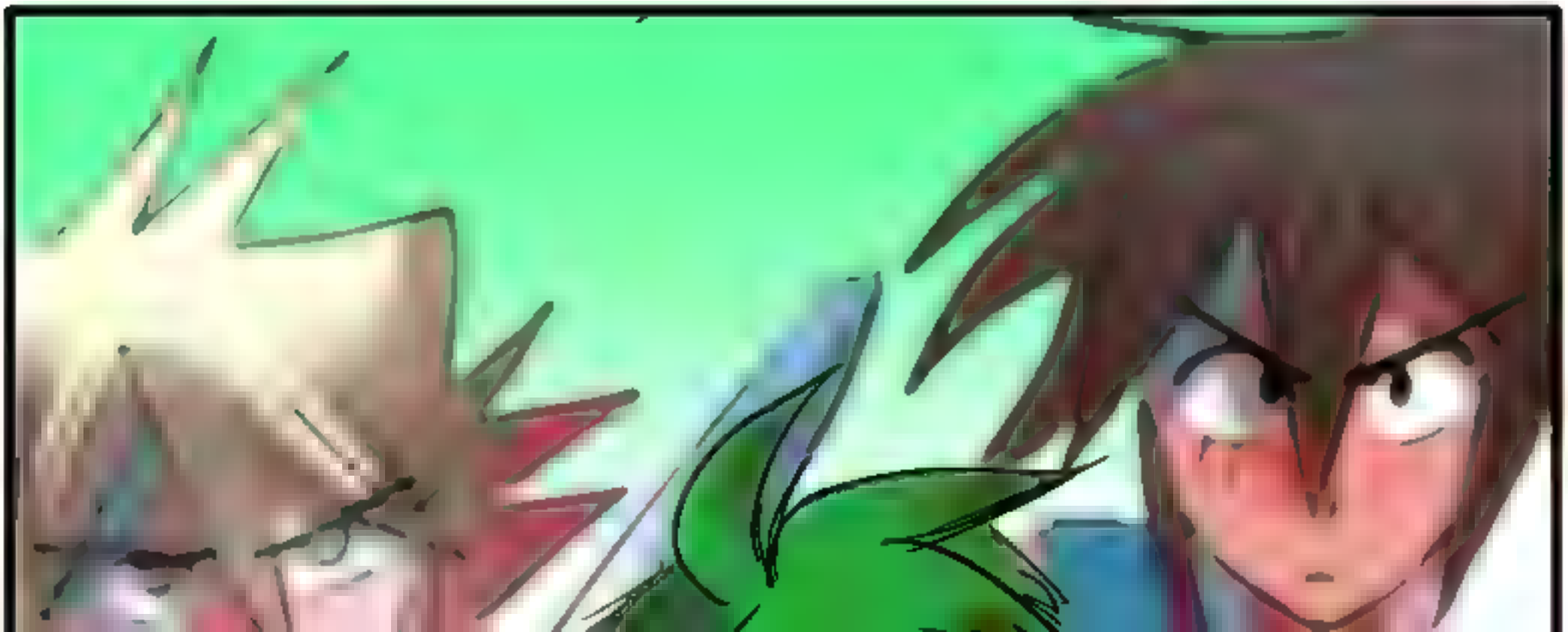
WHY WOULD YOU HURT CIB AND THEN TURN AROUND AND ENCOURAGE ME TO SEE HER AGAIN?

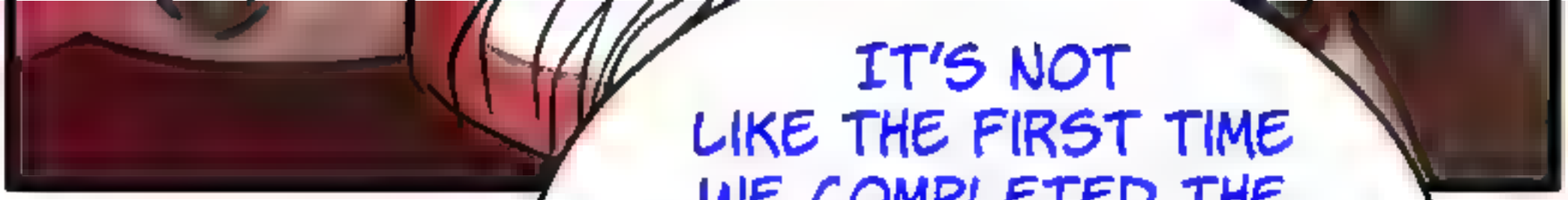
WHAT THE HELHEIM ARE YOU PLAYING AT?




YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND. YOU DON'T REMEMBER A THING. BUT I DO. I REMEMBER COLLECTING ALL 24 SWORDS.

I REMEMBER
EVERY INSANE REALM
THE COCKROACH KING
PUT US THROUGH, ALL
THE AMPED UP BOSSES,
ALL THE TWISTED
SURPRISES.

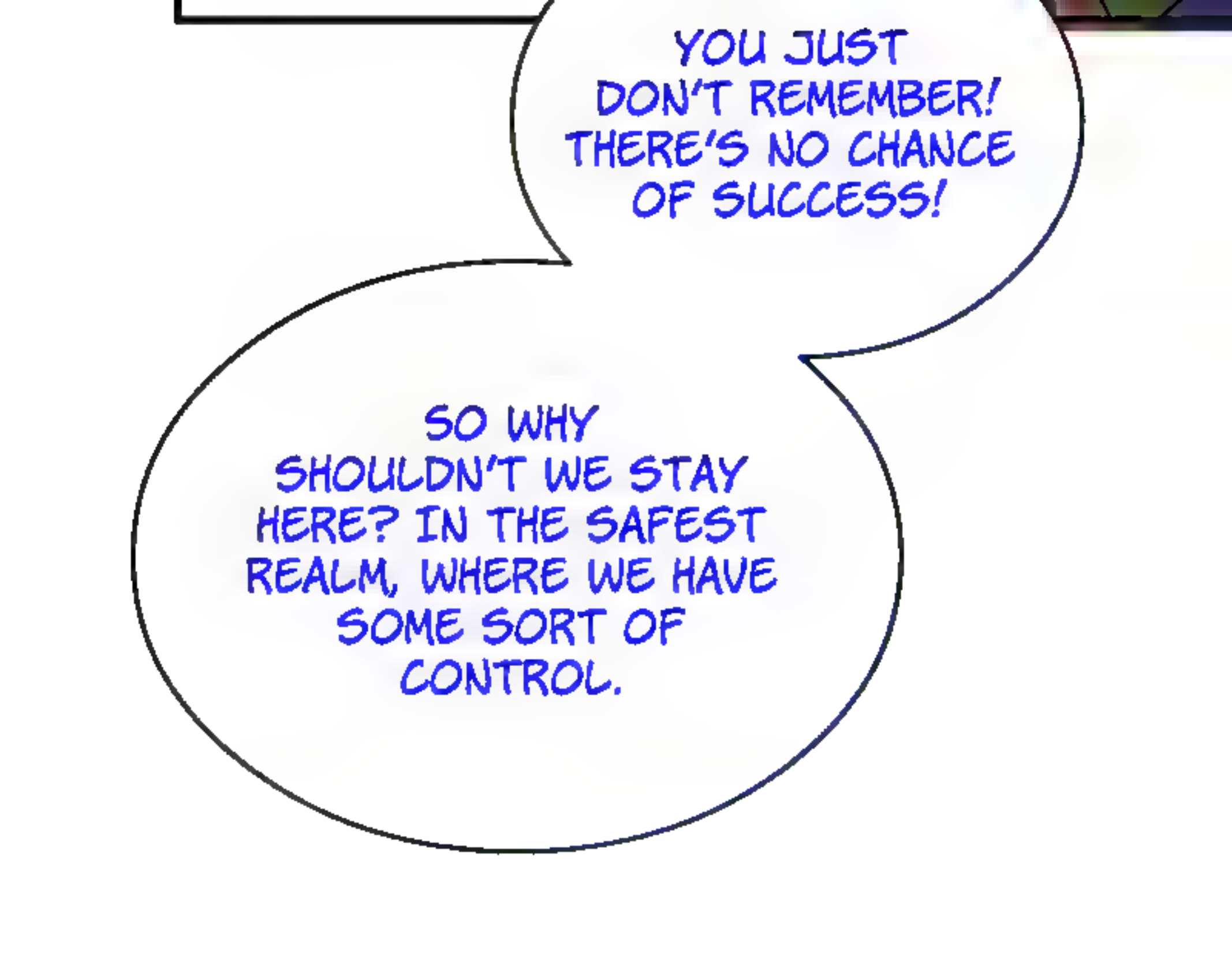




IT'S NOT LIKE THE FIRST TIME WE COMPLETED THE ROOM OF SWORDS. YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED BECAUSE HE BARELY TOUCHED THIS REALM, BUT ITS THERE.

NOW WE'VE GOT ALL THE SWORDS

AGAIN, HE'S WAITING FOR US.
AND I CAN TELL YOU HOW IS
GOING TO GO. WE'RE GONNA
CONFRONT HIM, WE'LL LOSE,
AND HE'LL TAKE ALL THE
SWORDS BACK TO MAKE
US PLAY IT AGAIN.
CAUSE WE HAVE!

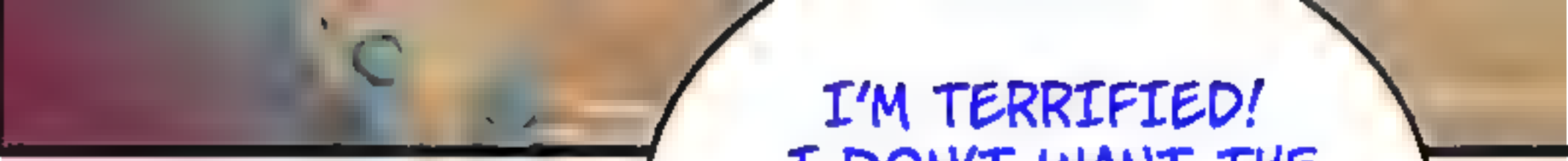

YOU JUST DON'T REMEMBER! THERE'S NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS!
SO WHY SHOULDN'T WE STAY HERE? IN THE SAFEST REALM, WHERE WE HAVE SOME SORT OF CONTROL.

I DIDN'T WANT
IT TO END LIKE

THIS. I TRIED TO CONVINCE YOU GUYS, BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN!

YOU WANTED TO GO BACK AND CONFRONT DON, AGAIN! AND I WASN'T GOING TO LET

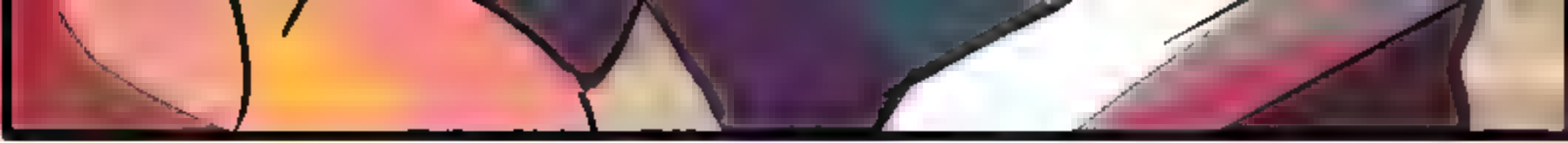
THAT HAPPEN.

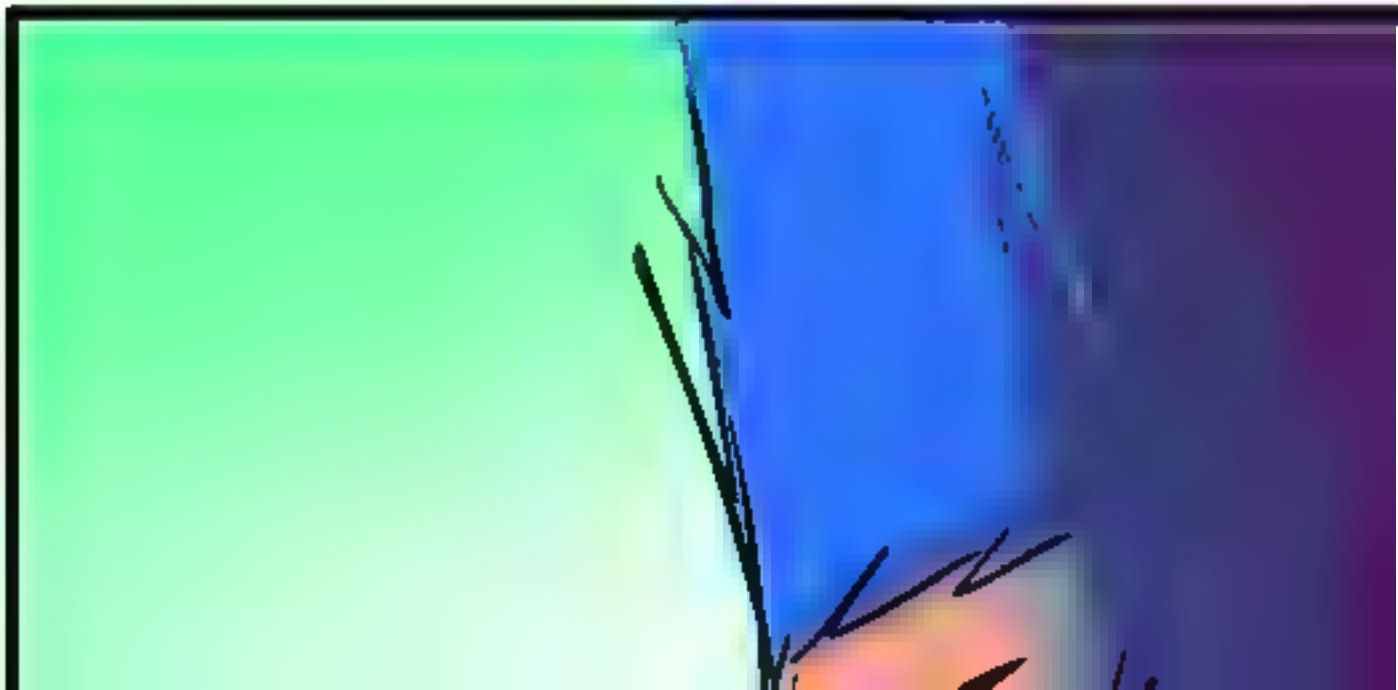


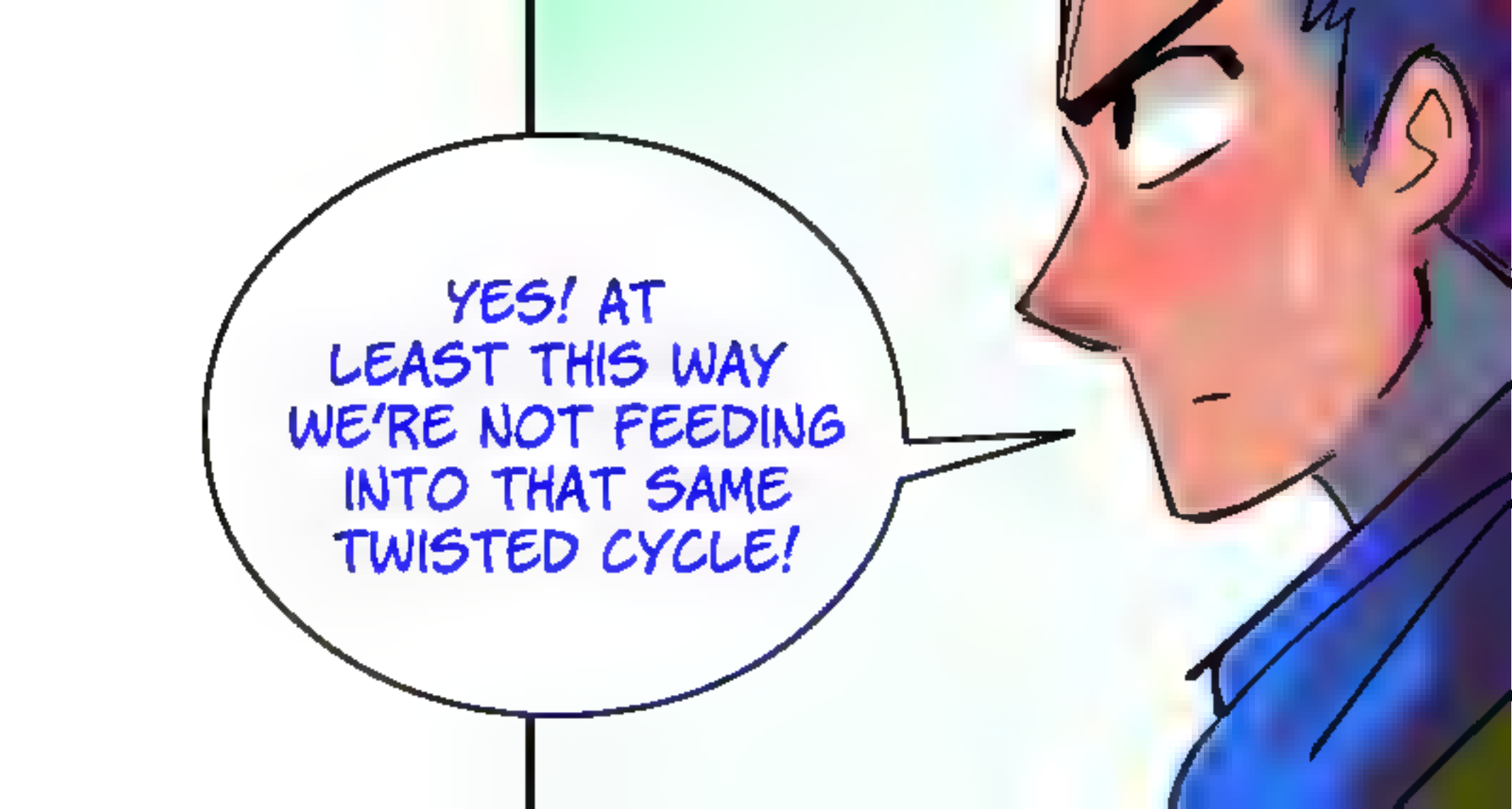
I'M TERRIFIED! I DON'T WANT THE END TO MEETING THE BEGINNING ANYMORE.

I WANT TO STAY HERE AND LIVE IN WHAT LITTLE PEACE WE CAN SCRAPE OUT BETWEEN VOYAGES.

SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GIVE UP?



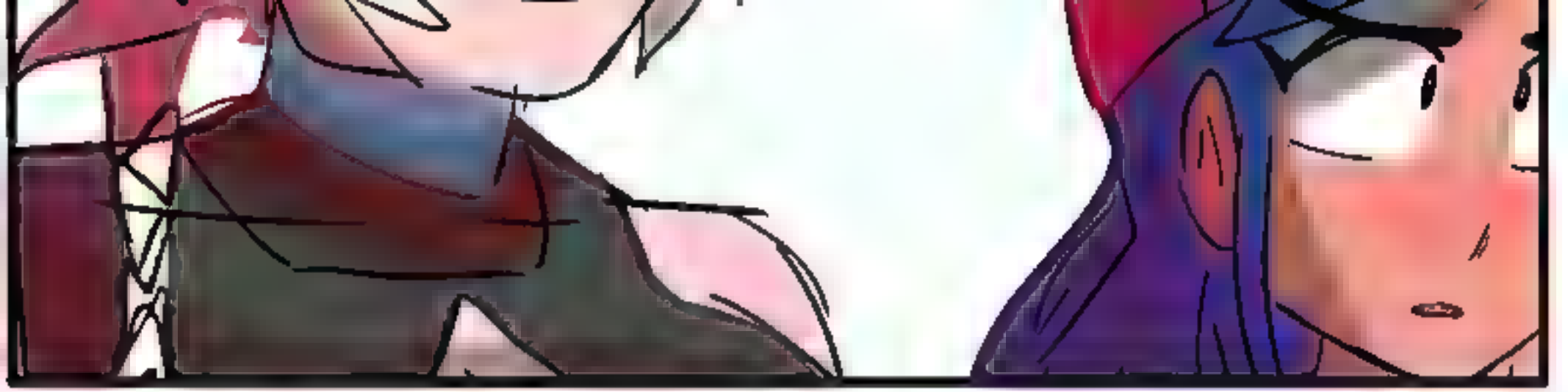



YES! AT LEAST THIS WAY WE'RE NOT FEEDING INTO THAT SAME TWISTED CYCLE!

LOOK. I GET IT. FIGHTING AGAIN AND AGAIN BARELY ANY HOPE, ITS EXHAUSTING. BUT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THIS ALL WRONG. IT'S NOT A CIRCLE. IT'S A SPIRAL.

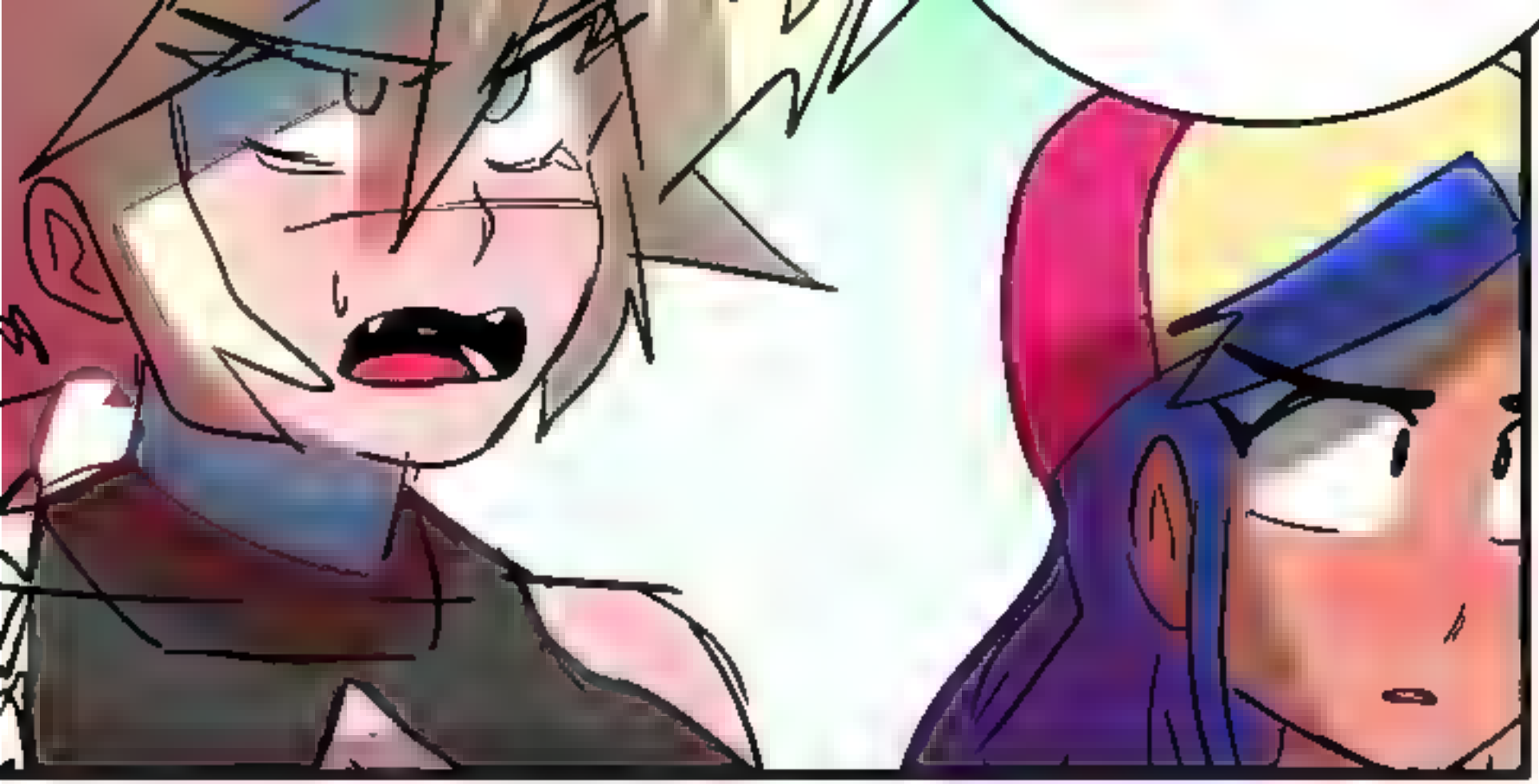
WE KEEP PUSHING AND PUSHING, AND EVENTUALLY WE WILL FIND A WAY OUT. BUT IF WE HIDE UNDER A ROCK, WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO?

WHY IS HE STILL TALKING? HE BETRAYED US! HE HURT CIB! WE SHOULD BE PUMMELING HIM TO HELHEIM AND BACK!



RIGHT NOW YOU'VE SEEN MORE THAN ANY OF US, YOU CAN HELP US GET THROUGH. TELL US WHAT WE DID BEFORE AND WE CAN FIND A WAY TO NOT DO IT AGAIN. AT LEAST TRY. PLEASE YUMEJI.

OKAY THAT'S ENOUGH CHIT CHAT. HE'S MADE UP HIS MIND AND HE'S CLEARLY TOO MUCH OF A COWARD TO CHANGE IT NOW, SO LETS GET TO THE ASS KICKING ALREADY!



PAGAN: CALM

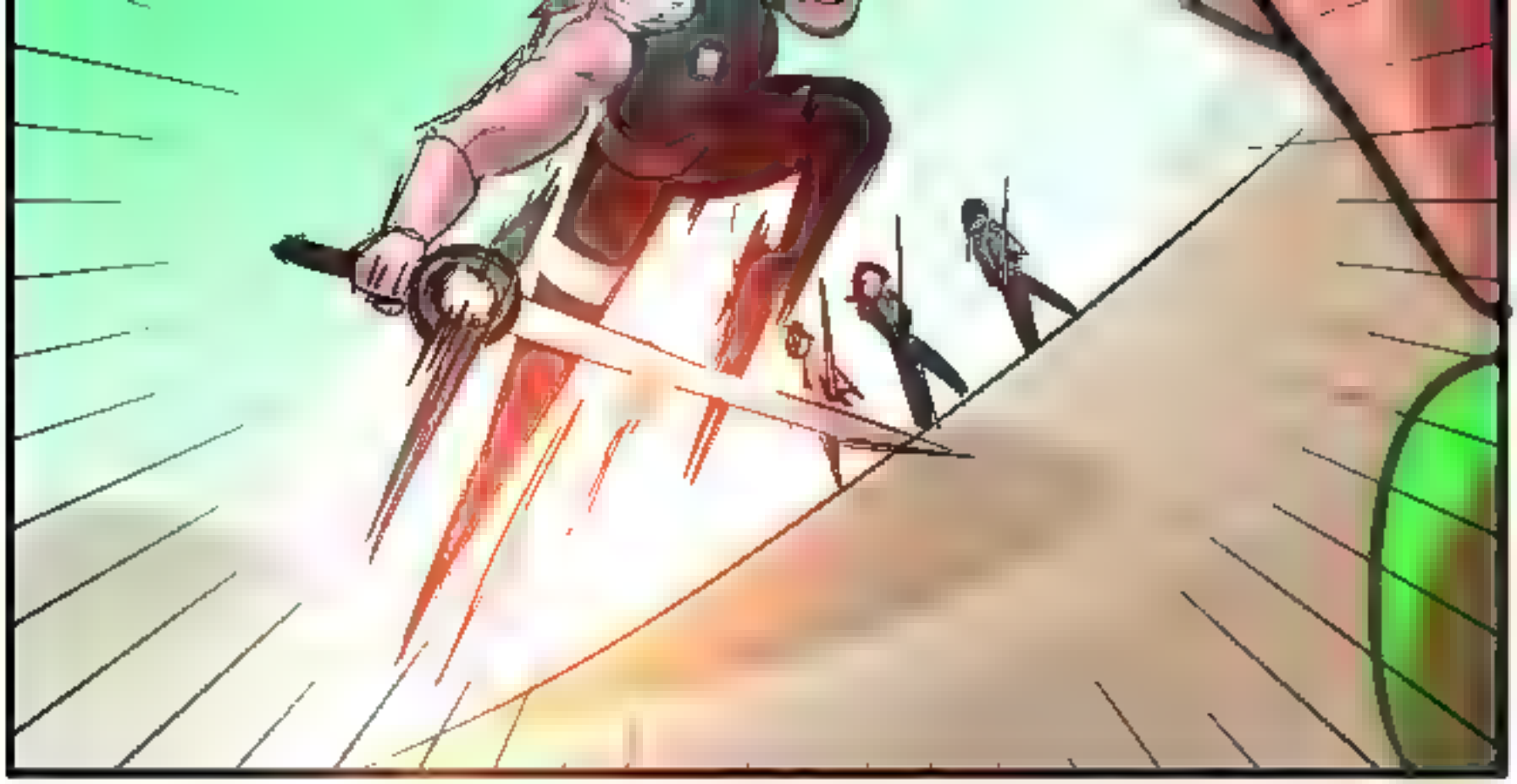
RAGAN CALM DOWN. HE'S A LEVEL TEN AT LEAST, IT WON'T BE THAT EASY.

BESIDES, ISN'T IT BETTER IF WE TALK THIS OUT? HE COULD HELP US.

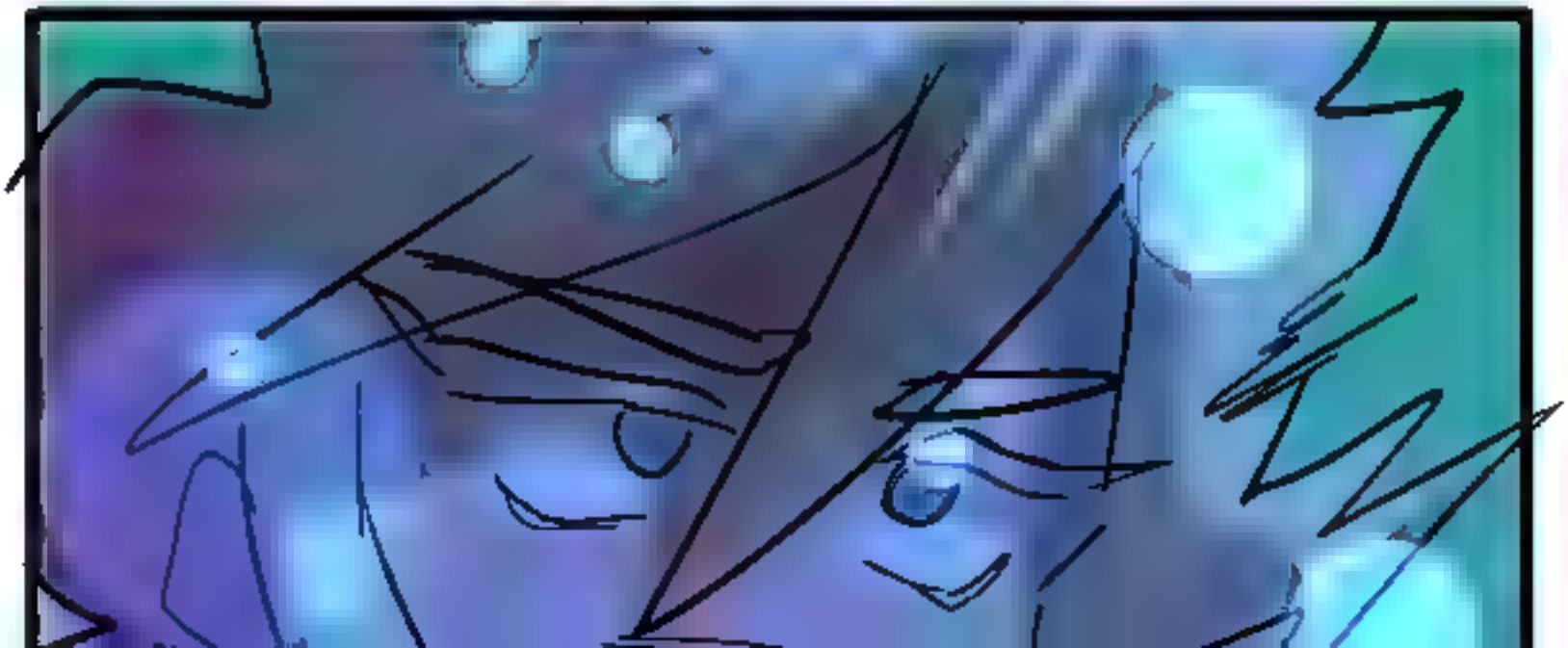
LOOK I'M SORRY. I KNOW YOU DON'T SEE IT

THAT WAY, BUT I AM TRYING TO HELP. I'M DOING THIS FOR ALL OF US. I WON'T GIVE UP.

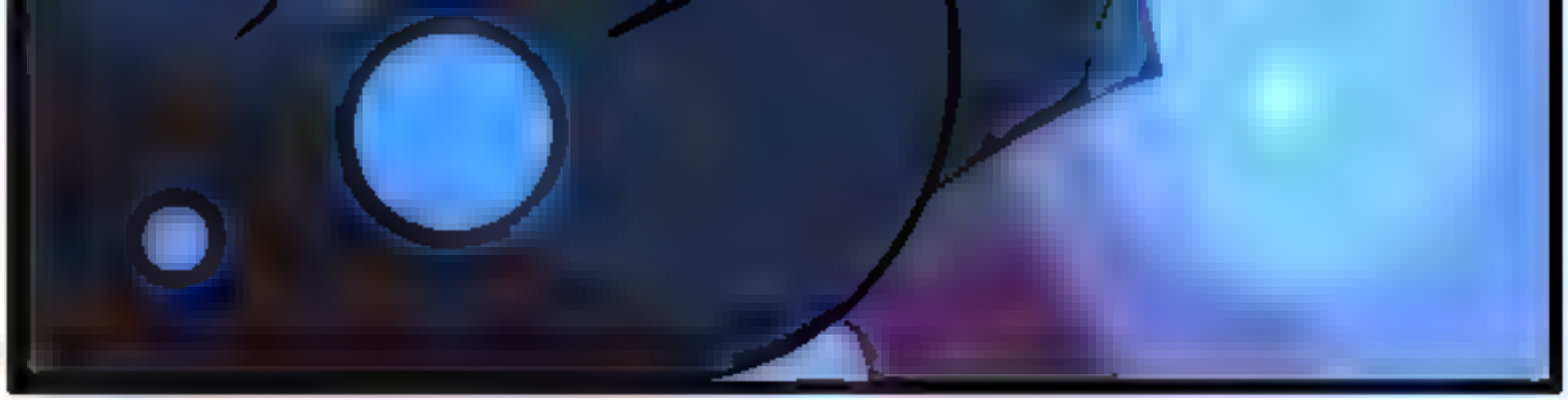
THEN BRING IT ON LITTLE MAGE. TIME I REMINDED YOU HOW A REAL WARRIOR FIGHTS!

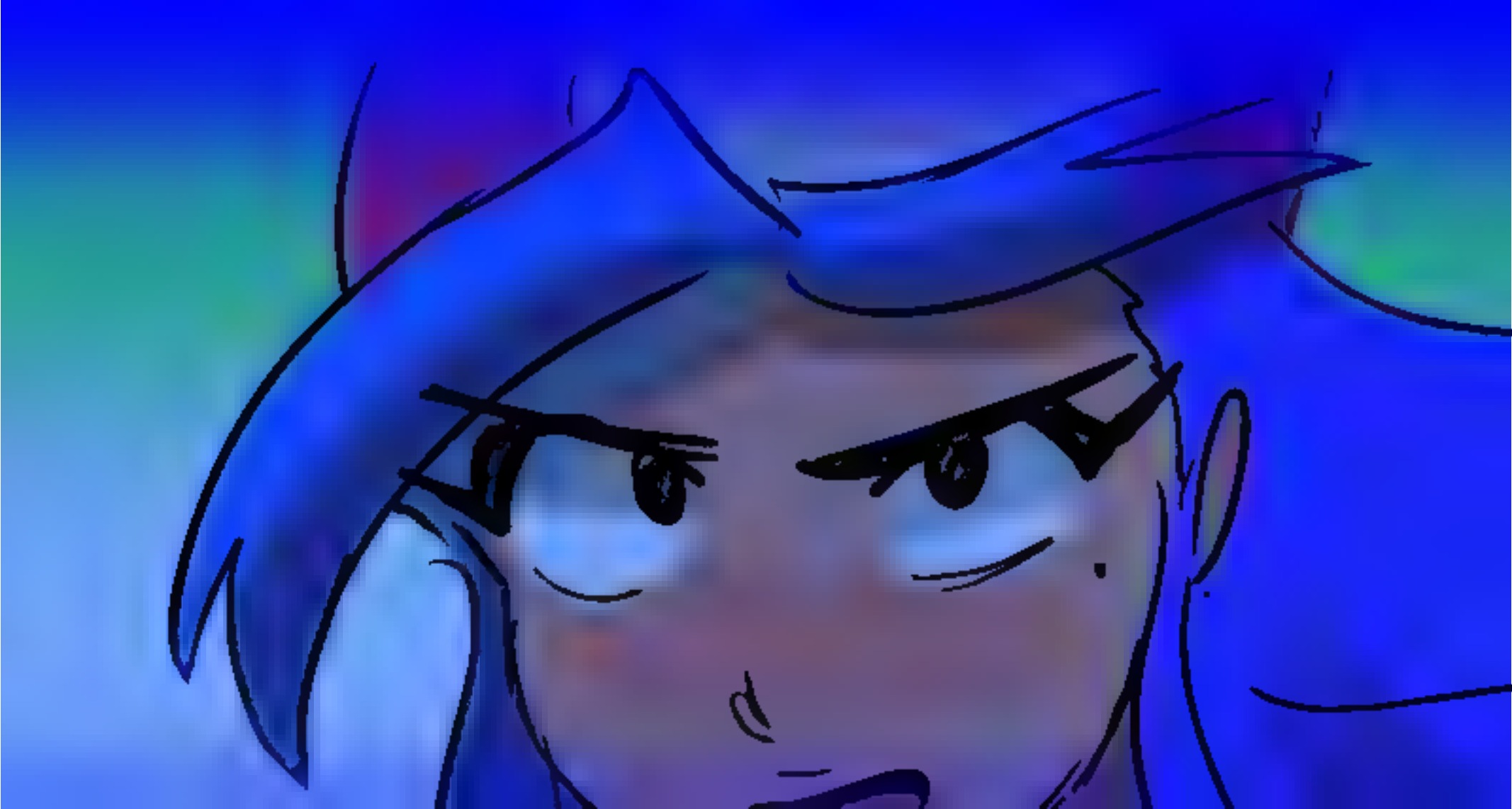


RAGAN!
NO!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST TAKE A NAP!

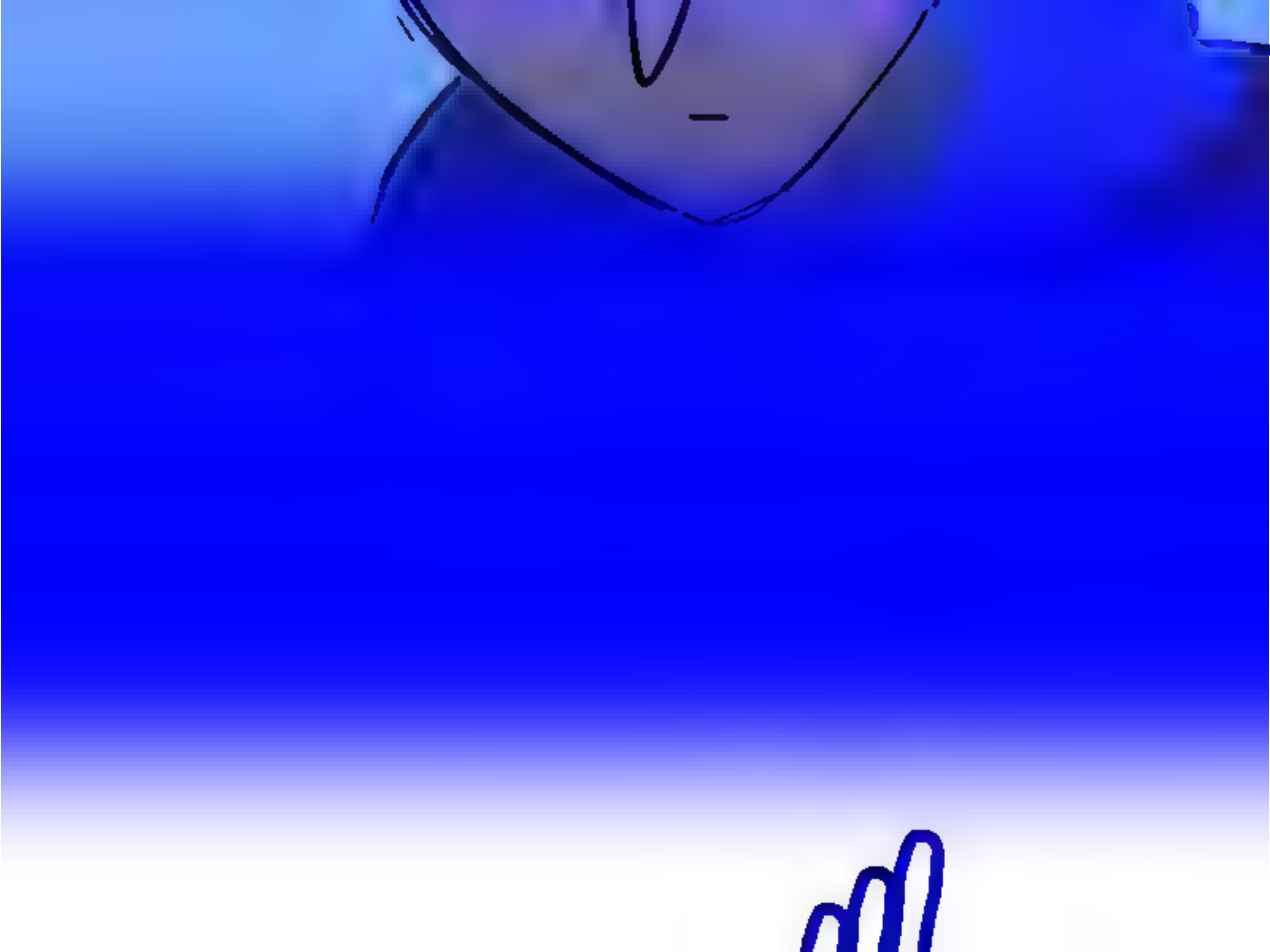


WHY AM I...SO... SLEEPY..





HEY.



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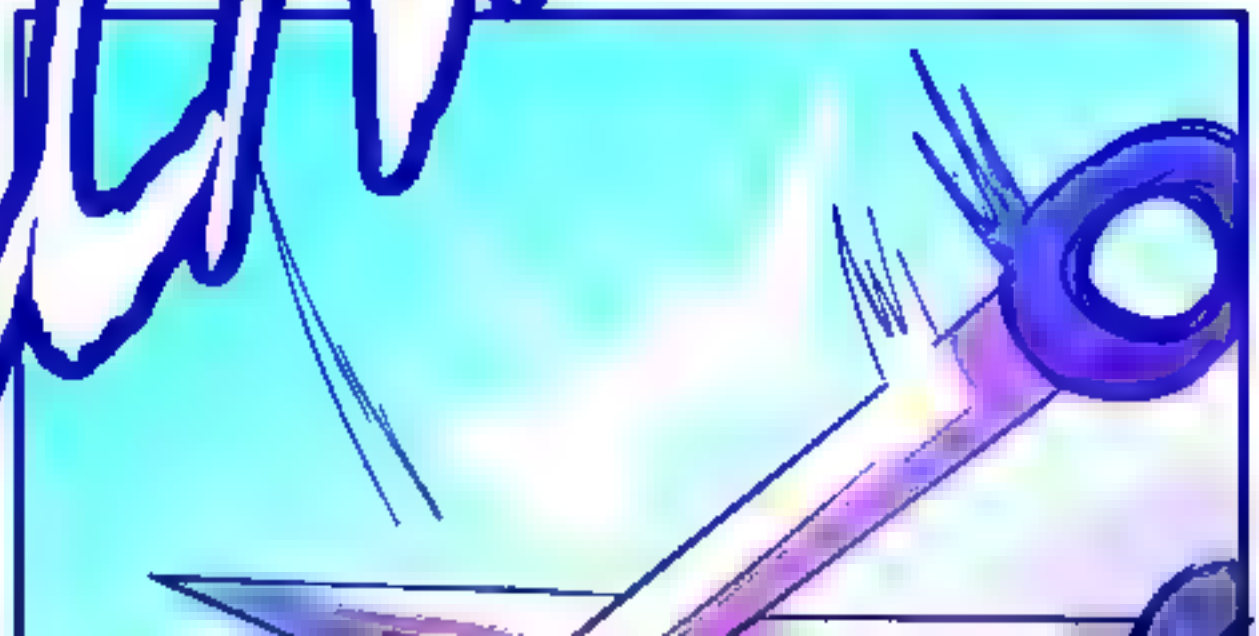
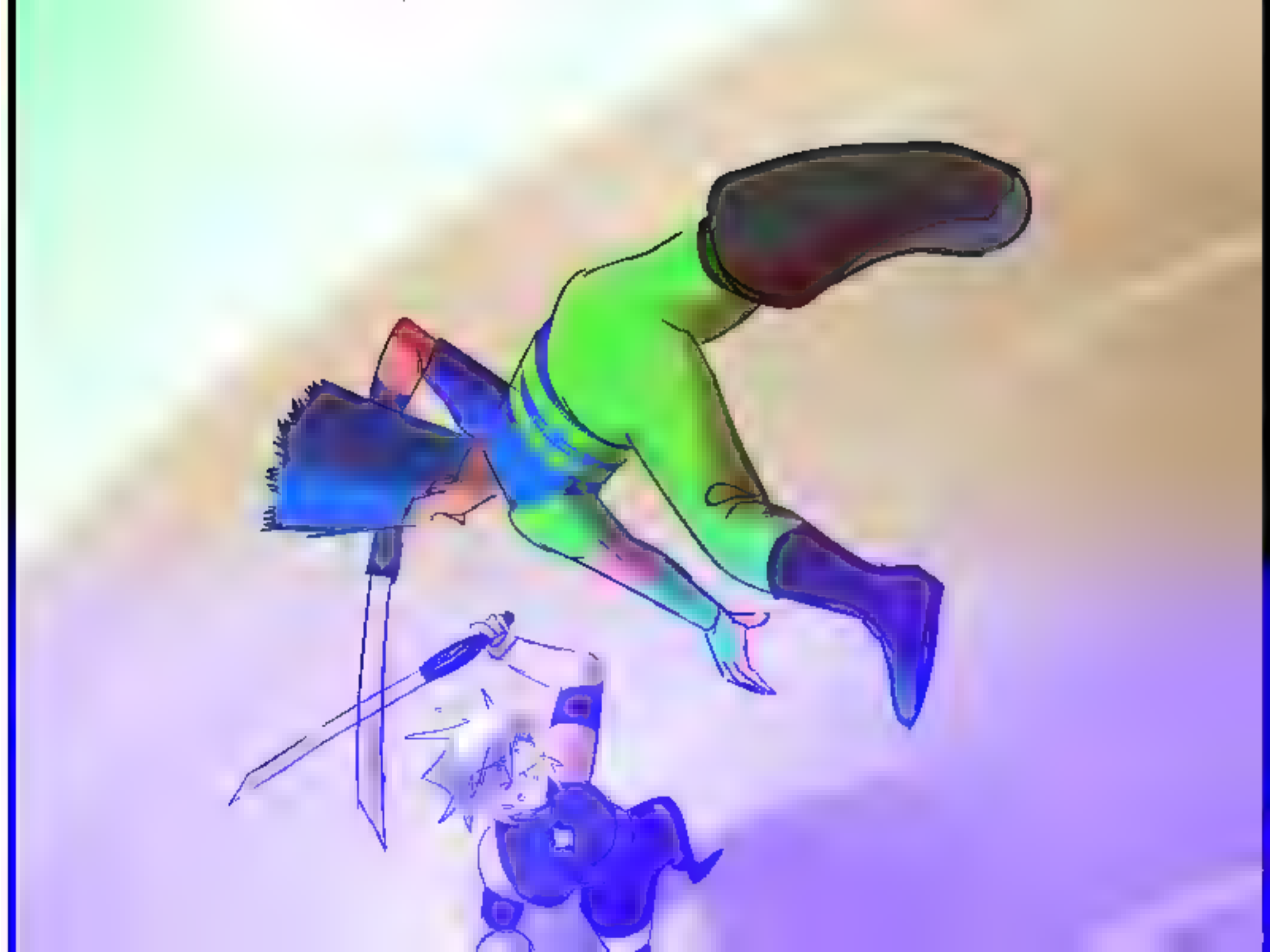
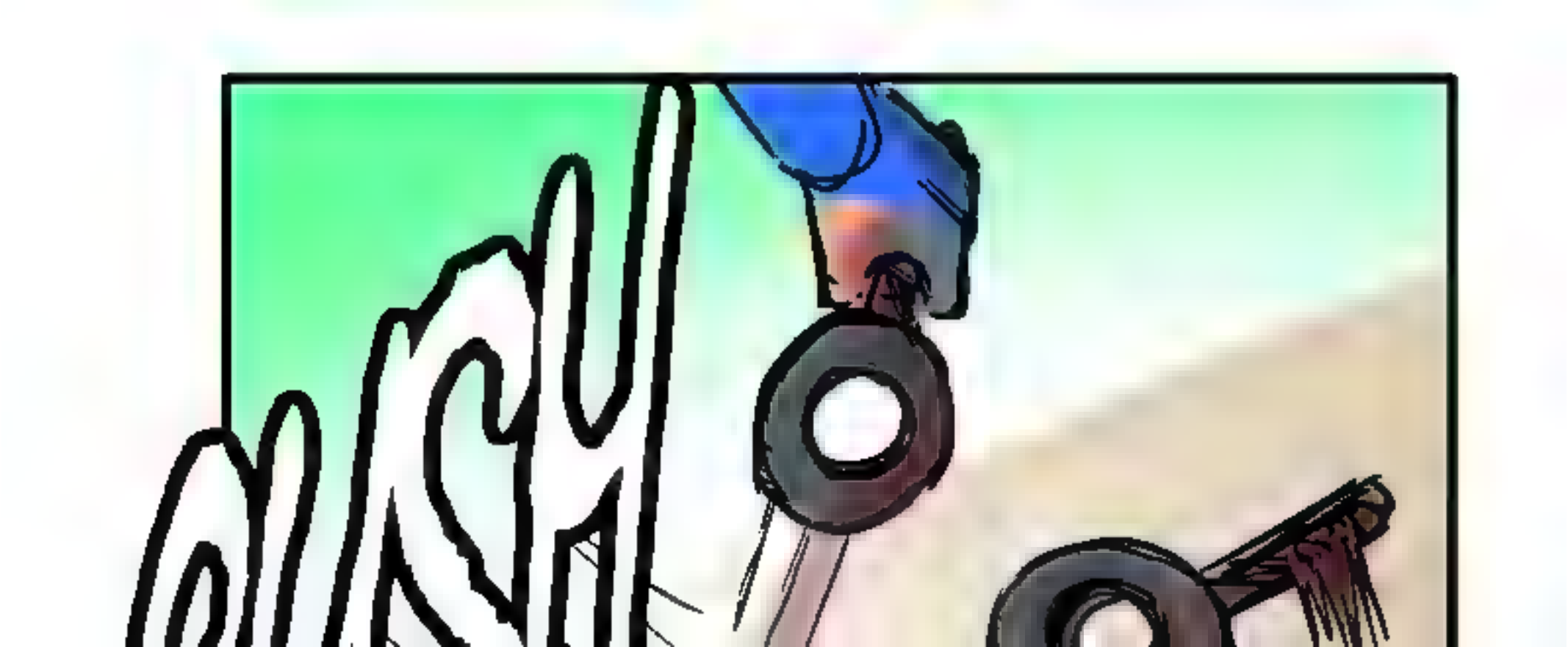


WAKE UP
WHAT?

I HAD HIM!
HOW DID HE
GET UP
THERE?



SHIT! I'M LOSING MY GRIP!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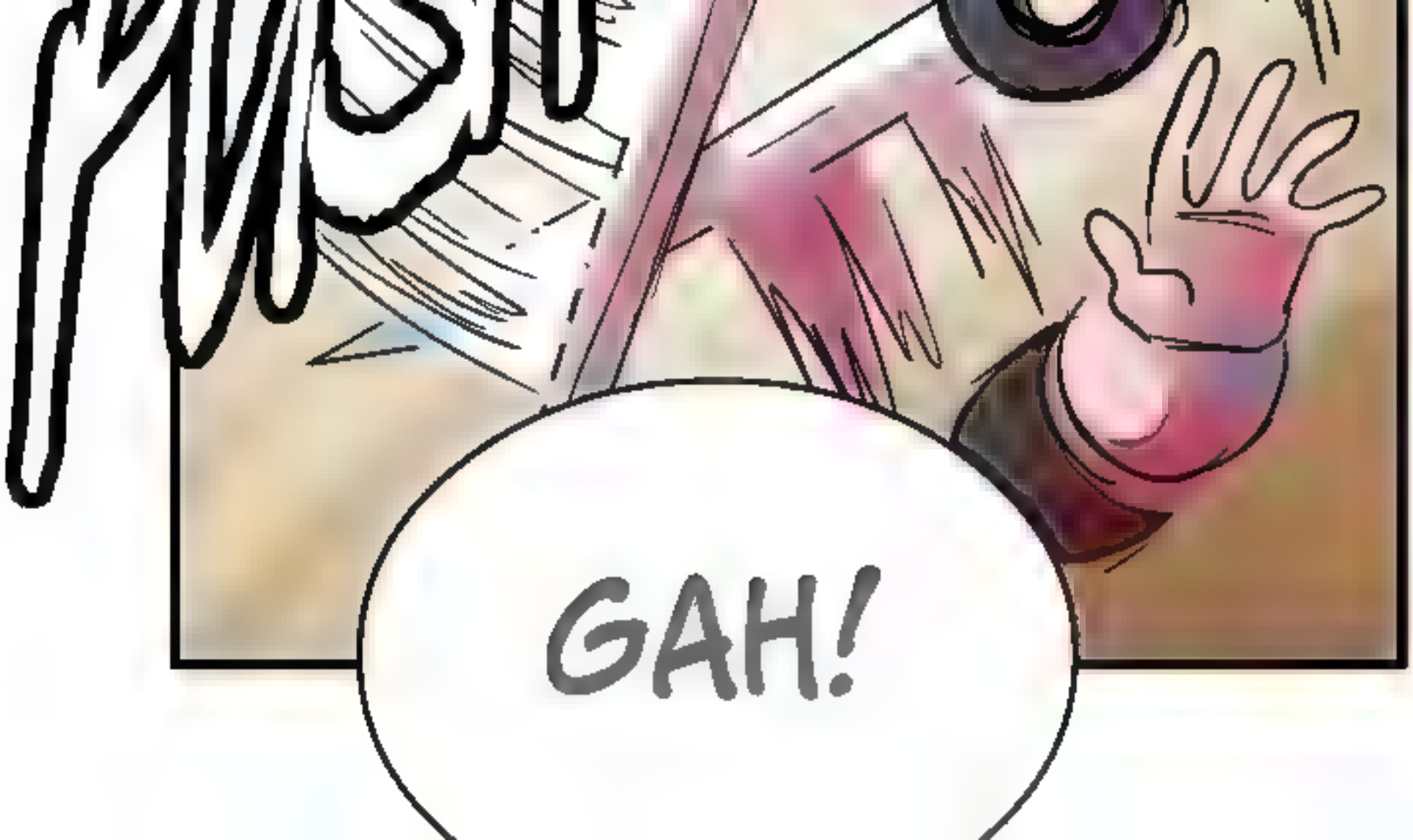
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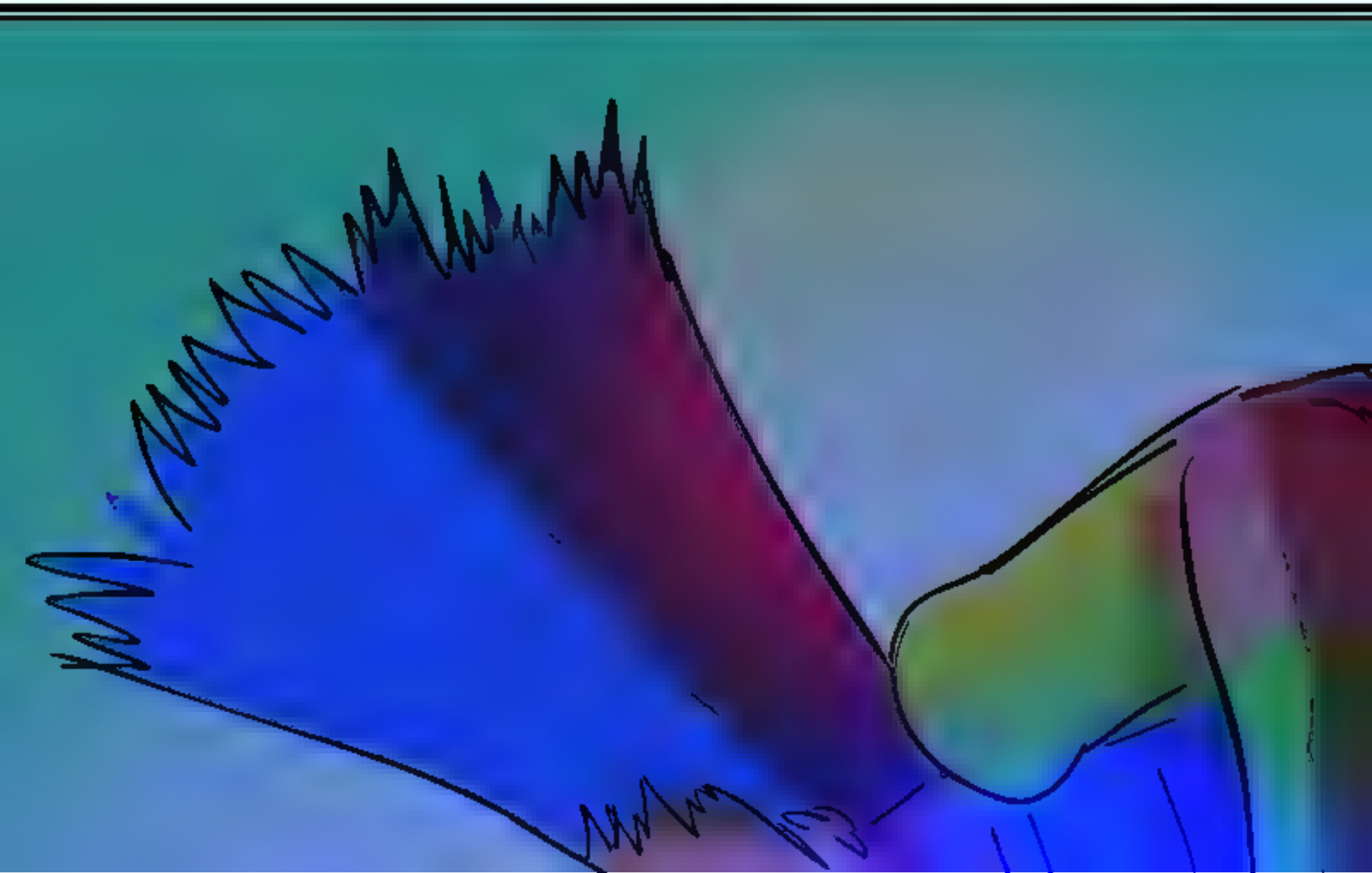

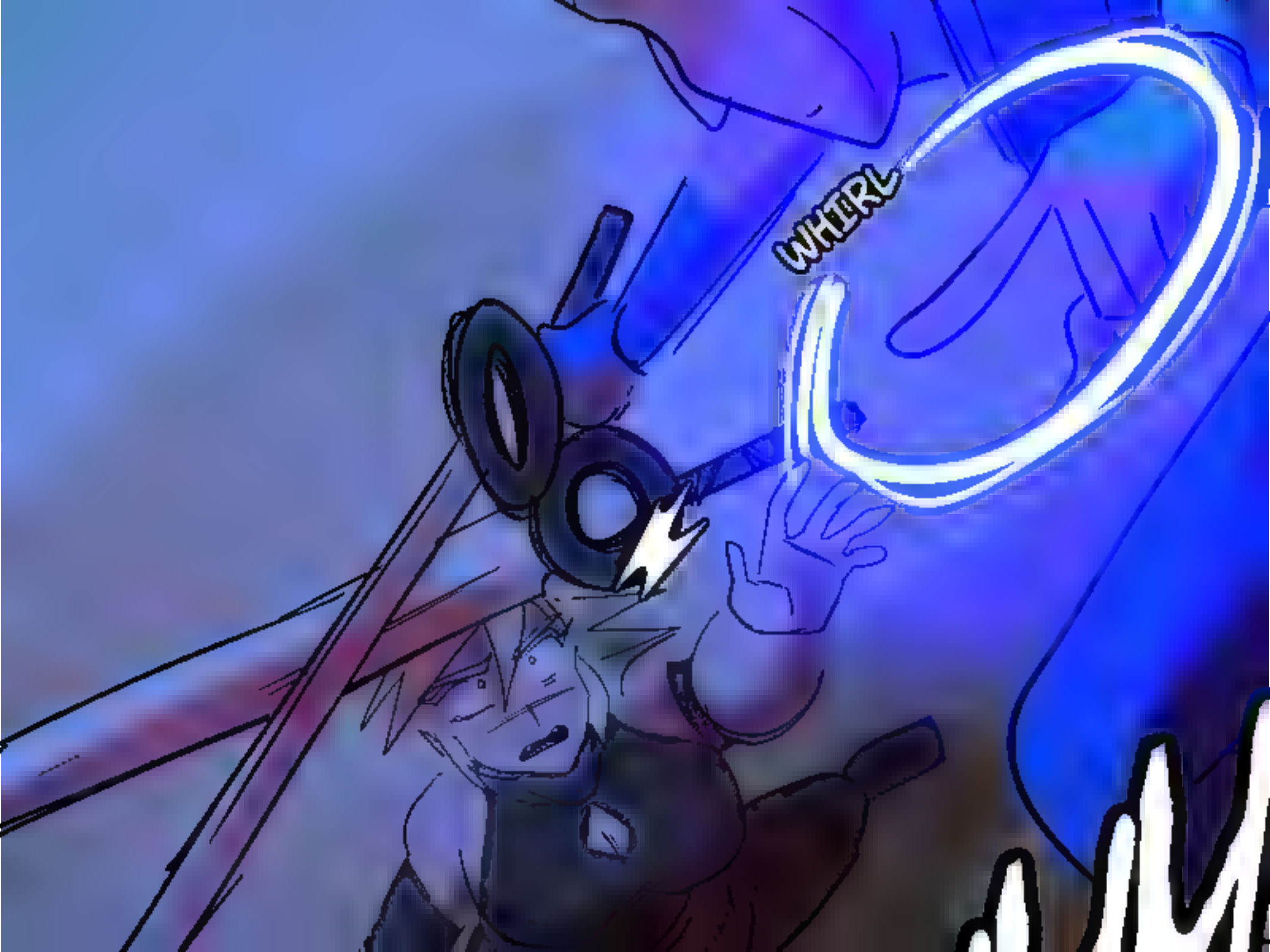
WHIRL

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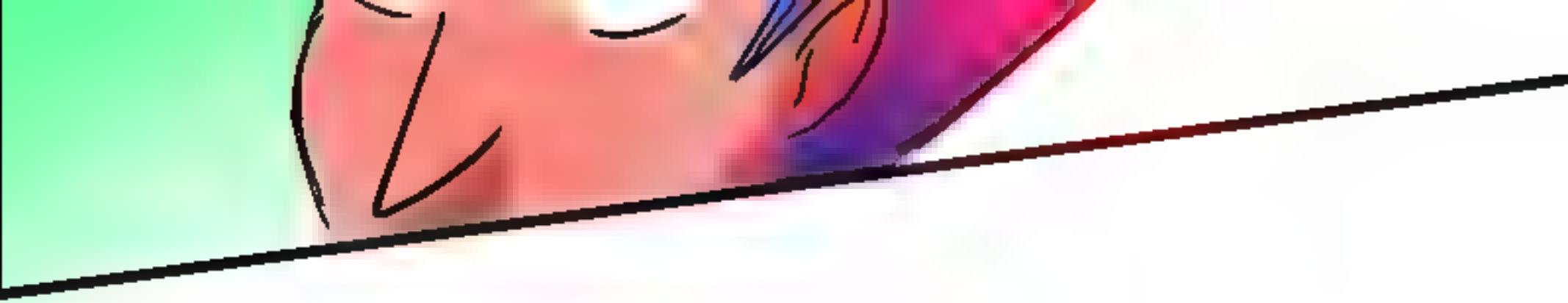
CATCH

TAK
TAK



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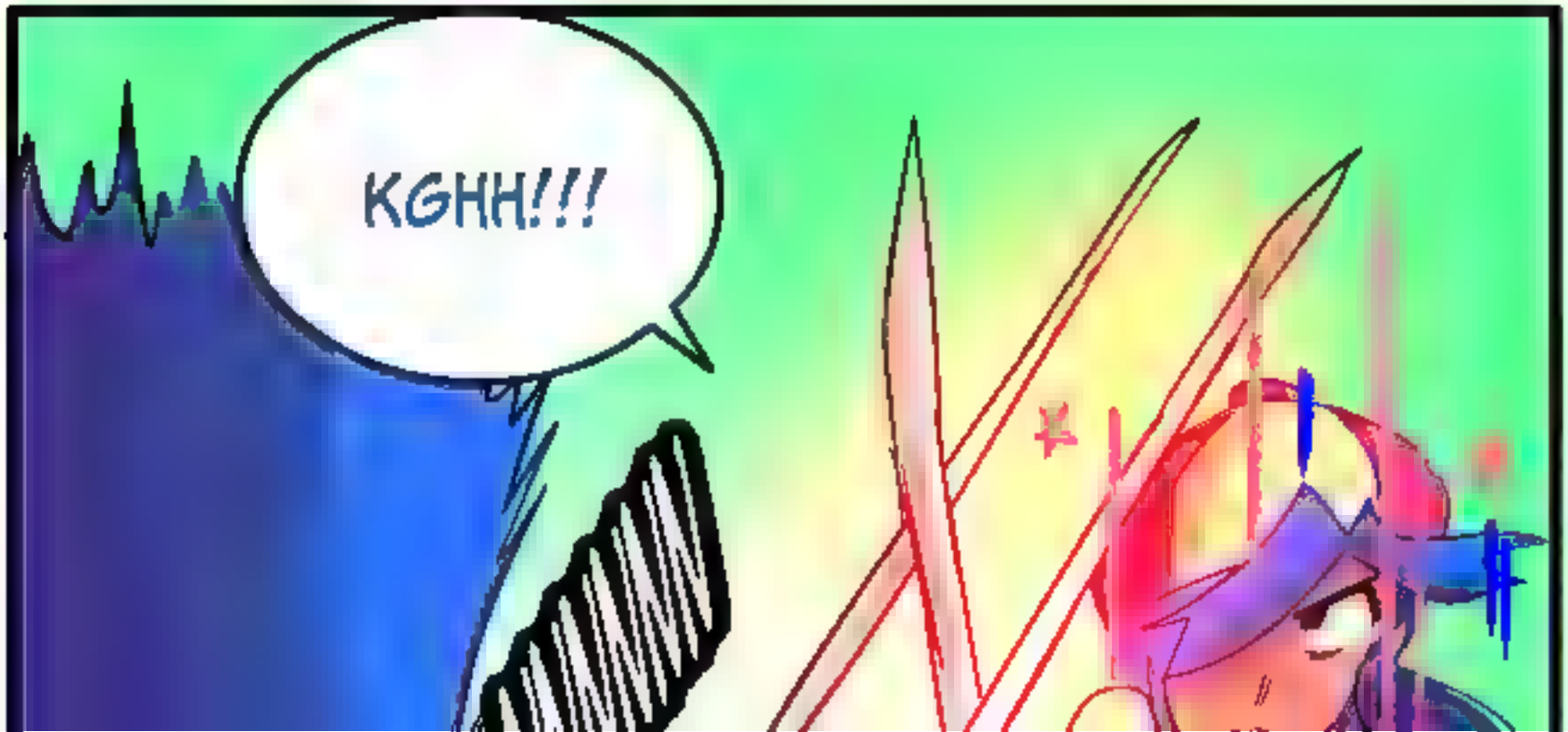
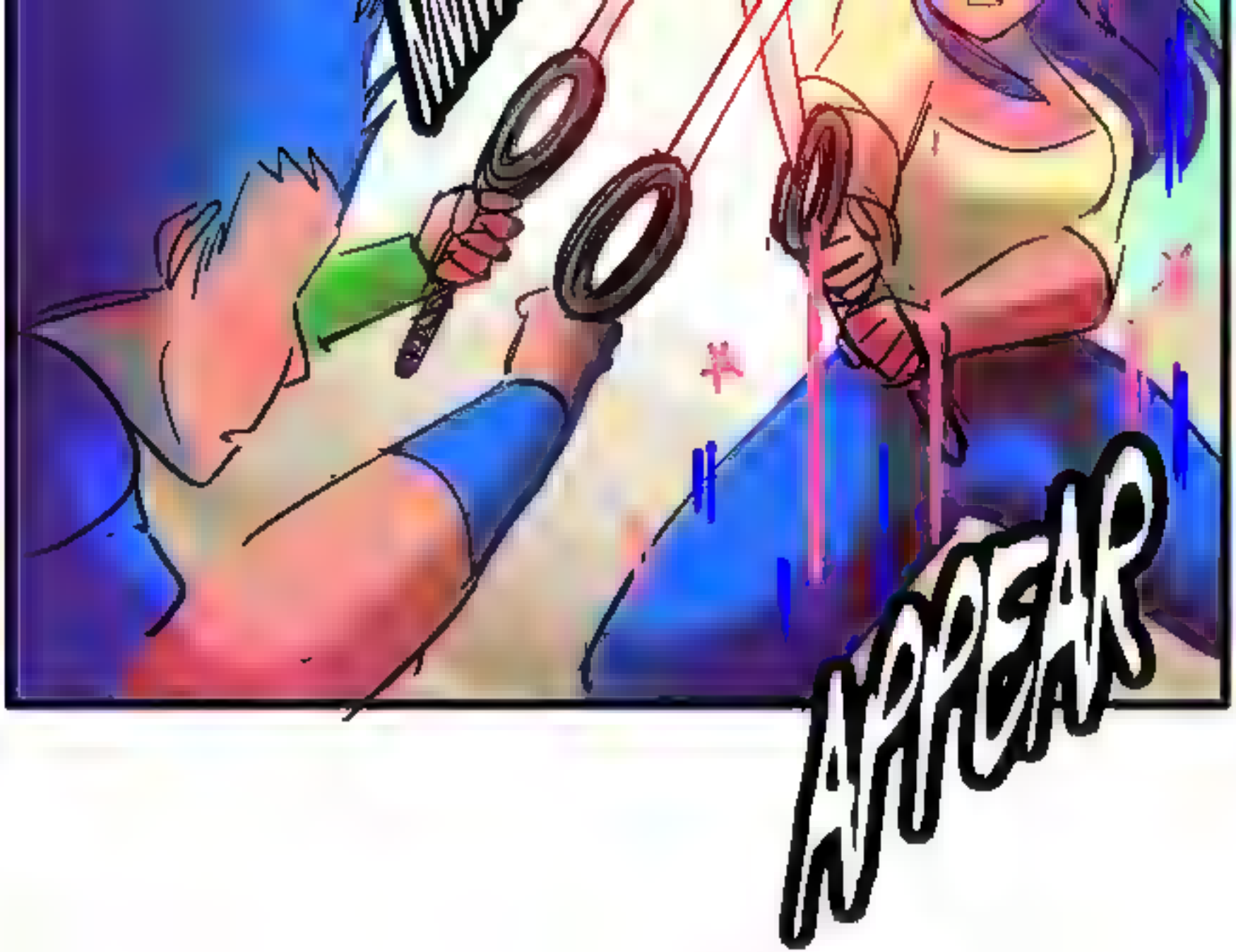
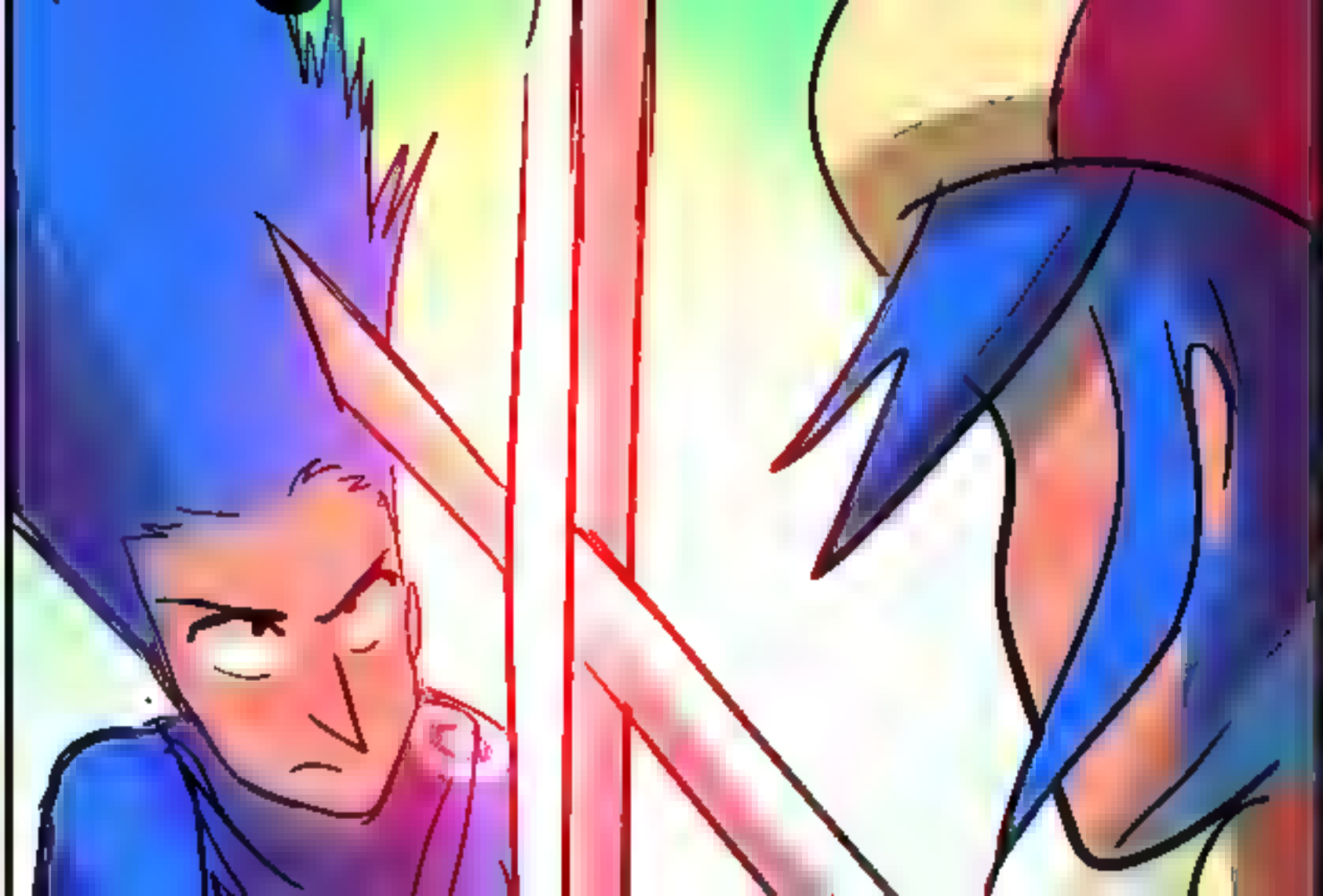
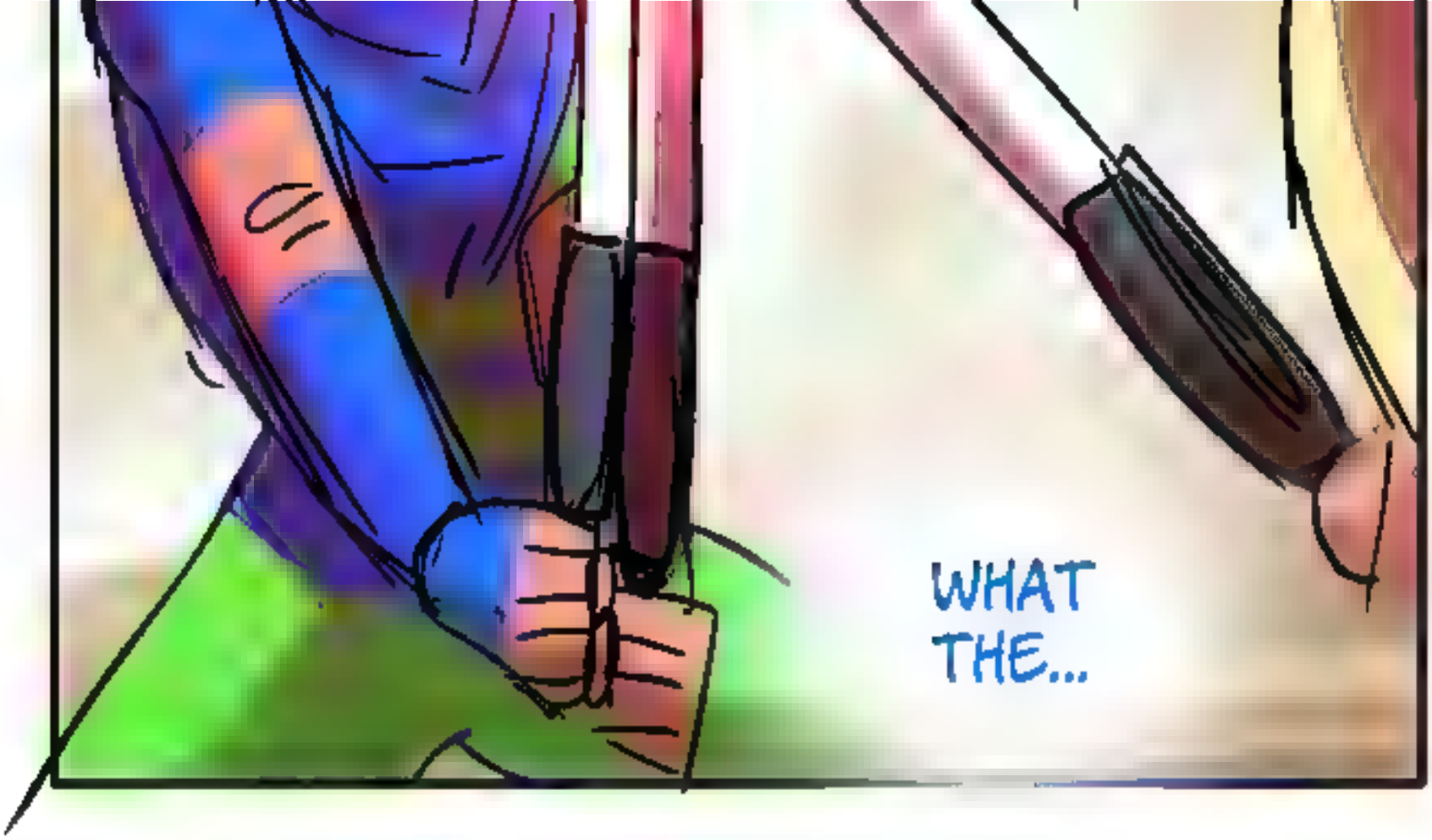

KGHH!!!

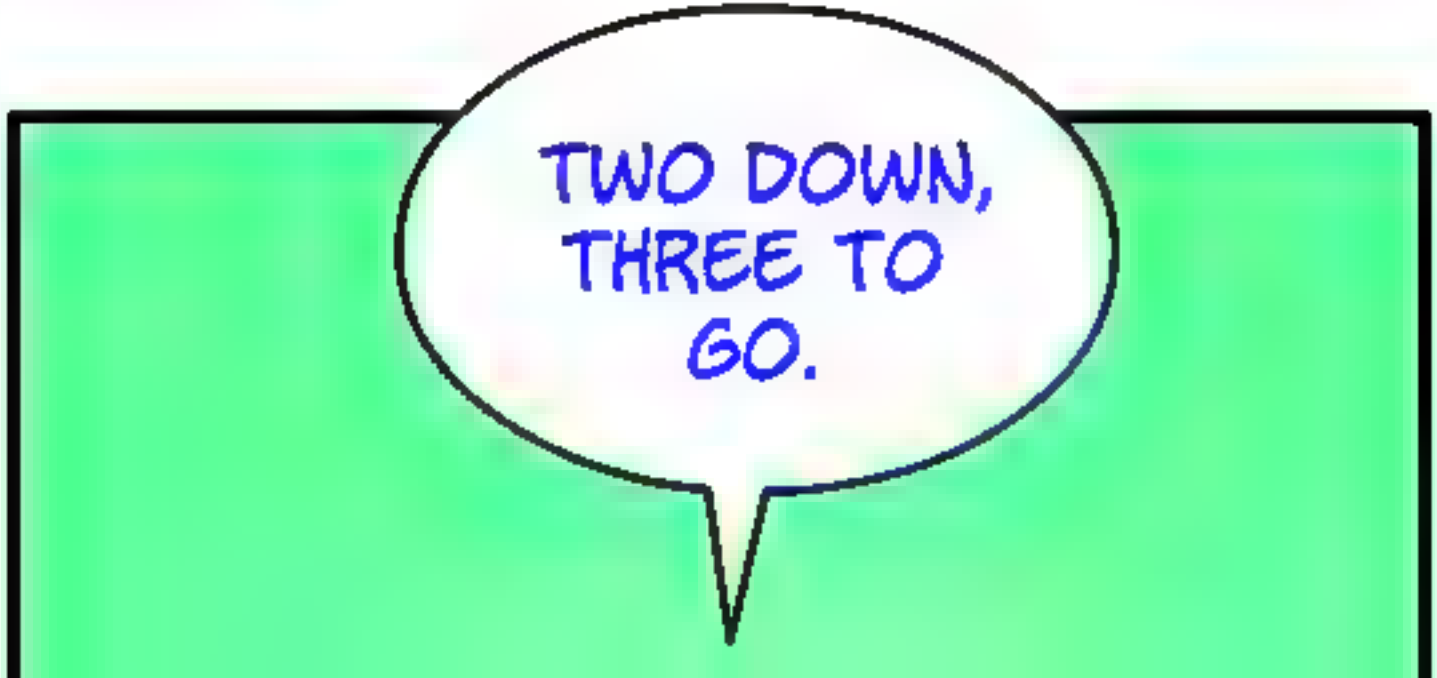

APPEAR

SNAP
HE KNEW I WAS HERE?




WHAT
THE...

SINCE WHEN COULD YUMEJI FIGHT?


TWO DOWN, THREE TO GO.

IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON.

SHIT!
NOW WHAT?

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